How to use the stencils:

Basketball Stencil Kit

The stencils have a self-adhesive backing, so no tape or glue is required.

- a. First, peel the backing off the stencil.
- b. Next, place the stencil on the wall and rub it down with your hand, making sure that all inner edges are down to avoid bleeding.

Tip: When placing a stencil, hold it at the top corners pulling outward so that when you lay it on the wall the top edge is straight and flat. Have a friend hold the bottom edge away from the wall while you place the top edge down first. This will help the stencil lay flat.

- c. With a foam brush apply a thin coat of acrylic paint with a gentle patting or stabbing motion. Apply a second coat as necessary.
- d. Finally, after the paint is semi-dry, remove the stencil from the wall.

Important: Make sure your paint is completely dry before placing another stencil over previously painted area.

Paint for stenciling:

- •Actual "stencil paint" is the best option for painting stencils and can be found at most craft stores. It is a thicker paint and therefore greatly reduces the chance of bleeding. These, however, are usually limited in color options.
- •Artist acrylics perform very well and come in a wide variety of colors, but they are not the most economical option.
- •Hobby acrylic paints are an economical option. Be aware that some hobby acrylic paints are more watery than others. Watery acrylics will cause bleeding under the stencil. Out of the several brands we have tested, we liked Folk Art the best and also Americana (found in most craft stores). We do not recommend Anita's, Delta Ceramcoat or any metallic hobby paint. These paints are too watery and will result in bleeding.

