

Safety of Reeves & Poole Temperas and Finger-paints

Reeves & Poole Group Inc. is a member of the Art & Creative Materials Institute which is an industry sponsored independent body set up to administer a stringent set of toxicity and quality standards. The safety standards themselves have been developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Department of Duke University, a world renowned authority in this field, in conjunction with U.S. government agencies such as the Consumer Products Safety Commission, the Occupational Safety & Health Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency. All A.C.M.I. members' products must be approved by the independent toxicologists at Duke in order to have the right to bear the AP and CP seals of the Institute.

Formulations for Reeves & Poole Group liquid tempera, powder tempera and finger-paint have been approved by Duke and are entitled to use the seals.

Reeves & Poole paints also conform easily to Canadian Government Regulations which limit the levels of heavy metals in toys.

In addition, all these products have achieved the quality standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z-356.

Imported Art Paints and Drawing Materials

All imported products meet the AP, ASTM and/or CE (European Union) regulations for children's art materials.

Allergy Concerns

We do not allow the use of nuts, peanuts, natural latex, gluten or egg by-products in any of our products.

Environmental Concerns

Indiscriminate use of preservatives may interfere with the bacterial action in municipal sewer systems. All preservatives used in Reeves & Poole paints are formulated to be safe in this respect and are approved by the EPA (U.S.) and local environmental authorities.

Staining and Cleaning

Reeves & Poole paints are washable but it is important to remember that tempera is paint and any paint can leave a stain. We therefore recommend that children using paint should wear a protective smock or old clothes and that surfaces be covered to minimize stains from paint spills (our washable Funstuff® Stain Saver mat works well for this purpose). While R & P Paints may often be removed from most fabrics, certain types of fabrics (especially delicate fabrics or those containing synthetic fibres) are more likely to stain than others. We recommend the following procedures for treatment of spills on clothing:

1. Spills which are still wet should be treated like a blood spill: allow cold water to flow through the fabric from the back while gently rubbing the affected area with a finger. Afterwards, wash with mild soap in cool water.
2. Where the spill has dried, gently scrape the dried surface paint off the front of the spill while still dry and then treat as above.
3. Never use hot water as this will tend to set stains. More stubborn stains may be treated with a stain remover but may require more than 1 washing.
4. Since Reeves & Poole paints are made with pigments, many of which are chosen to fade in strong light, most remaining stains will disappear when the garment is hung in the sun.