# Thank you for your purchase of a DIY Sport Art Kit 

Preparation is key, and spending a little time at the start will leave you much more satisfied with the final piece. These instructions and tips are merely guides and in no way should they limit your very own creativity as well as individualized ideas. Your canvas is wholly yours to paint and play with. Your satisfaction is what matters most. With your DIY Sports Art kit you can unwind, improve your painting skills, and show off your fandom with your own painted masterpiece.

## KIT CONTENTS

Each DIY Sports Art Kit is all inclusive and contains everything that you need.

1. Framed Canvas - Finely woven 280 gsm cotton blend canvas
2. Paints - Numbered Acrylic paints (safe, odorless, non-toxic paints)
3. Paintbrushes - Set of 3 standard paintbrushes ( $1 \times$ small, $1 \times$ medium, $1 \times$ large)
4. Hanging Kit - 2 hangers and screws to hang your completed canvas
5. Rendering - Reference print with color key
6. Polish* - To be applied onto of your finished panting to give a finalised sheen
*Included in select kits


Framed Canvas


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## INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Find and use the paint that matches the same numbered area on the canvas
2. Paint the numbered area
3. Clean and dry the brush after applying the color
4. Use the next color and repeat steps 1,2 and 3

TIPS: There are several paint-by-numbers tips that can not only help you master your skills and become a better overall artist, but also improve the look of your final painting.

## BEGINNER TIPS \& TRICKS

- Before you begin:
- Clear a flat area in a well-lit place and have a cup of water and paper towel on hand to clean brushes. Keeping a magnifying glass on hand for the smallest areas of the canvas can be very helpful
- Take a picture of your canvas with your phone - having a picture of your canvas that you can zoom-in on often comes in handy
- Test out your brushes on a spare piece of paper to get a feel for the brush stroke \& size
- Generally, it is recommended to work from the top-left to the bottom-right of the canvas (or topright to bottom-left if left-handed) to avoid your arm hitting wet paint on the canvas
- Use a variety of paintbrushes: There is no such thing as too many brushes. We recommend purchasing a set of Premium Paintbrushes to supplement the ones that come in the kit. Having a variety of paintbrushes and sizes makes detailing easier, saves time, and helps achieve a more polished final painting
- Moisten your brush before putting it in the paint. Dip the brush in a cup of water and then dry the excess water off on a paper towel before dipping the tip of your brush into the paint pod
- Dip the tip: A paintbrush requires a surprisingly small amount of paint to work so only dip the very tip in. While it is tempting to dunk the whole brush in the paint, using just the tip of the paintbrush will increase the precision of your strokes and help you stay within the lines. It also prevents paint from drying up in the bristles closer to the handle. Using just the tip will also conserve paint so you will have plenty leftover for touch-ups!
- Wash and dry your brush completely before moving to a different color
- Keep a toothpick handy. The fine point of a toothpick makes filling very tiny areas much easier and more controlled than even the finest brush
- If you paint an area with the wrong color - don't fret. Just allow the area to dry, then repaint using the correct color
- The paint is a water-based acrylic (not harmful to water or marine life). However, it does dry quickly, so keep the pots closed if you are leaving them for a while. If you find that a paint pod has dried up or a little too thick, add a drop or 2 of warm water to bring it back to life
- Finally, be patient, have fun and be proud of our own masterpiece you created.


## ADVANCED TIPS \& TRICKS

- Apply several layers of paint to each section. These extra layers give a polished look to the whole painting and help smooth out any streaky areas. Two layers are often all you'll need but don't be afraid to add on as many layers as you want until you get a consistency you like
- Paint-by-numbers use small blocks of color to make an image pop. But sometimes you may want a painting that's well blended with soft edges. Instead of putting down one color at a time, pick an area with two colors and work on both at the same time. On the edge where the two colors meet, swipe your brush back and forth so that the two paint colors blend and soften. When you try it for the first time, stick to small areas so that you can easily cover it up if the result isn't what you wanted
- Once you're done with your painting, you can apply a sealant over the entire thing. A sealant protects the painting from damage and gives it a luxurious finish. Depending on the sealant you choose, your painting will end up with a matte, glossy, or satin finish.


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