



## DIY Mandala Stones

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# Dotting Tips

## Tips for mistakes - small

- The dot is too small or odd shaped?
  - Just add a larger dotting tool size over the top.
- The dots are not in an even pattern
  - see **Step by Step Instructions** for tips.
  - Ensure you start from the middle and work your way out.
  - Use a pencil outline (protractor, dinner plate, pot) if you have a large canvas.
- The dots are not a perfect circle
  - See above tips to make a perfect circle
  - See **How to Dot** for the correct application.
- I made a mistake when following a pattern
  - The best creativity happens when you veer off the pattern. Just embrace the mistake and make the pattern your own.
- I slipped and now one dot is odd shaped
  - You do not need to make the design entirely of perfect circles, maybe use oblong shapes, lines, cone shaped, etc to hide it.

## Tips for mistakes - large

- Wipe the area with wet paper napkin before it dries and hardens.
- Made a huge major mistake and it is dry? Then just cover to whole area/stone with black and start again!

## Embrace your mistakes

Often, we see our own mistakes, but others just see a beautiful design. So embrace your mistakes, and when you have finished, you sometimes cannot tell where your mistake is.

## Dots on dots

- If adding another dot on top of the first layer, make sure you wait for the paint to dry completely, before applying a top layer.
- If you lift the dotting tool off the surface too quickly, paint can splash out of the circle. Just slow down your application speed.



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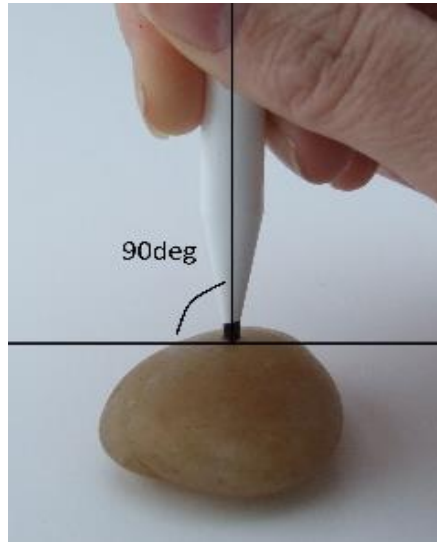
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# How to use the dotting tools



1. Dip only the tip of the tool into the paint. Only a minimal amount is needed.

**Tip:** Scraping or shaking off excess paint will make your dots imperfect



2. Hold the dotting tool so it is perpendicular to the surface.

**Tip:** Hold the tool close to the end (like a pencil) to increase precision.



3. Press the dotting tool all the way onto the surface and pull up. There is no need to hold the tool in the surface for a long time.

## Cleaning the tools

- **After each use** - Wipe with a paper napkin immediately after each use. The paint will leave a little stain on the tool, but it will not transfer onto your next colour. - Make sure you wipe the very end of the tool each time
- **Hardened paint** - For easy removal, soak in super hot water for 10-15 seconds and wipe immediately with a paper napkin. If it is heavy build up, please repeat.
- **For heavy build-up - Use sparingly**
  - Clean with a non-scratch pad. (only if it says non-scratch on the packaging). Do not scrub the end or rim of the tool to ensure the product maintains its perfect circle.
  - Or clean with a little cream cleaner (Vim, Jif, Cif) may also help, but again stay away from the rims and use only seldom. This will help remove the stains too.
- **Avoid** - Any solvents, as they may corrode the tips reducing the uniformity of the circle. Including alcohol based cleaners and baby wipes etc.

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