How to Store Paint

* The threads on the neck of the tube are free of color
* The lid is replaced tightly
* The tubes are stored at ambient/ cool temperature.
* Paints are kept out of the sun and in a dry environment

Storing paint in tubes (Oil Paint, Gouache, & Watercolor\*):

* Using a pallet knife, scoop paint into the tube
* Tap the paint tube onto a flat surface to settle the paint
* Leave about 15mm of the tube empty at the end
* Flatten the end with a ruler and crimp it with a set of priers or a paint wringer if you have one available (both work)
* Bend over the end three times in sections of 3mm, crimping it and flattening it each time.

\*Keep watercolors hydrated in tube

Storing Paints in Watercolor pans (Watercolor & Gouache\*)

* Make sure paint is well mixed before filling pans (ingredients aren’t separating)
* Fill pan half-way of the way (starting from the corner) and let dry in a well aired place (like a windowsill)
* Fill pan almost to the top and let dry
* Fill pan all the way, let dry

+ If you want, before the final layer dries, you can create a little depression with your finger to hold water

\* Add glycerin or honey to make it easier to and prevent cracking/crumbling

\* Watercolors tend to shrink when dry

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