# **Mask Painter Guide**

## **Requirements & Setup**

#### 1. MeshCollider required

UV picking uses RaycastHit.textureCoord, which only comes from a **MeshCollider**. Add a MeshCollider to any object you want to paint (or assign one via *Target Collider*). Non-mesh colliders will warn in the inspector.

#### 2. MaskPaintable Component

Select your GameObject → Add Component → MaskPaintable. Assign or create a mask asset (see next section). The inspector also has Open Mask Painter and Clear Mask actions.

### **Mask Assets**

- Create: Menu Tools → Mask Painter → Create Mask Asset, set *Width/Height*, *Channels* (R, RG, or RGBA), *Linear Color*, and defaults; click Create Mask Asset. The created asset contains a Texture2D sub-asset.
- Inspector shortcut: On a MaskPaintable, Create & Assign Mask Asset makes one and links it immediately. Ping Mask pings the asset.
- Texture details:
  - o Format auto-selects by channels: **R8** (R), **RG16** (RG), **RGBA32** (RGBA).
  - o FilterMode.Point, WrapMode.Clamp, linear/sRGB based on your choice.
  - o Defaults are written across the texture on reinit.

## **Painting Workflow (Scene View)**

- 1. Select an object with MaskPaintable and a valid MaskAsset. The window shows object and mask info (name, resolution, channels).
- 2. Click Start Painting in the window. The Mask Painter Tool becomes active.
- 3. Paint in the Scene view. The brush preview is a world-space circle (dashed/occluded-aware rings + lifted fill to avoid z-fighting). Painting is world-size correct across meshes (internally maps your world radius onto UVs).
- 4. Click Stop Painting anytime to restore the previous tool.

### **Tools & Channels**

- Tools: Paint, Erase, Smooth, Fill. Help text explains each tool.
- Channels: Target Red / Green / Blue / Alpha depending on your mask asset's channel count; the window limits choices accordingly and shows a channel preview.

## **Shortcuts**

These work only while the Mask Painter Tool is active and appear in Unity's Shortcuts window.

- Hardness: Shift + decrease, Shift + increase.
- **Strength**: decrease, = increase.
- Quick adjust (drag): Ctrl + Right-Mouse drag → horizontal = size, vertical = hardness.

Mouse wheel: Ctrl + Wheel = radius, Shift + Wheel = strength.

## **Menu Paths**

- Window:  $Tools \rightarrow Mask\ Painter \rightarrow Mask\ Painter\ Window$
- Create Mask Asset: Tools → Mask Painter → Create Mask Asset