**Painting** is the practice of applying [paint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paint), [pigment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pigment), [color](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color) or other medium to a solid surface (called the "matrix" or "support").[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Painting#cite_note-1) The medium is commonly applied to the base with a [brush](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brush), but other implements, such as knives, sponges, and [airbrushes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airbrush), can be used.