

# Instruction Manual: DIY Mandala Dotting Tools Kit

This kit is designed for creating beautiful, symmetrical dot art on various surfaces like rocks, canvas, wood, and even nails.

## Section 1: Kit Components Overview

Your 34-piece kit contains a variety of tools, each with a specific purpose:

Tool	Quantity	Primary Use
<b>Double-End Dotting Tools</b> (Acrylic)	5	Creating small, consistent dots and walking-the-dot effects (various fine point sizes)
<b>Double-End Ball Stylus</b> (Stainless Steel)	4	Making medium to large, plump, layered dots and pulling up paint
<b>Painting Brushes</b> (Wood Handle)	6	Base coat application, detail work, and sealing the finished piece
<b>Mandala Stencils</b>	4	Drawing symmetrical guidelines on your surface prior to dotting
<b>Palette</b> (Flower-shaped)	1	Holding and mixing acrylic paints (especially important for thinning paint)

## Section 2: Preparation

- Gather Supplies:** You will need your dotting kit and **acrylic paint** (preferably fluid consistency for dotting). You'll also need a surface (rock, canvas, wood slice), a pencil, and a paper towel or wet wipe.
- Prepare the Surface:** Ensure your chosen surface (e.g., rock or canvas) is clean and dry. You may wish to apply a solid base coat of acrylic paint and let it dry completely.
- Draw Guidelines (Optional but Recommended):** Use a pencil and one of the provided stencils to draw symmetrical concentric circles and dividing lines on your surface. This helps keep your mandala perfectly balanced.

## Section 3: Dotting Technique

1. **Prepare Paint:** Squeeze a small amount of paint into your palette. You may need to thin thicker paint slightly with a drop of water for a better dot consistency.
2. **Dip the Tool:** Dip only the very tip of your chosen dotting tool or ball stylus into the paint. Only a minimal amount is required to create a perfect dot. **Tip:** Scraping off excess paint will make your dots imperfect.
3. **Apply the Dot:** Hold the tool **perpendicular** (straight up and down) to your surface. Press the tool all the way onto the surface and pull straight up. Do not hold the tool down for a long time.
4. **Create Dot Layers:** For a layered dot (a dot on top of another dot), wait for the first dot to dry completely, then use a smaller tool and a different color to place a second dot directly on the center of the first.
5. **Walking the Dots (Dot Trails):** To create a trail of diminishing dots, dip the tool in paint only once, then make several dots in a row. The first dot will be the largest, and the size will decrease with each subsequent dot as the paint transfers. This is perfect for filling in sections of the mandala.

#### **Section 4: Tool Care and Maintenance**

- **Immediate Cleaning:** Wipe the paint off the tool with a paper napkin or wet wipe **immediately after each use** or before changing colors. This prevents the paint from hardening on the tip.
- **Cleaning Dried Paint:** For dried paint, soak the tool in super hot water for 10–15 seconds and wipe immediately with a paper napkin. **Avoid harsh solvents** as they may corrode the tips.

#### **Section 5: Finalizing Your Art**

1. **Drying:** Allow your finished dot mandala to dry completely. This can take 24–48 hours depending on the paint thickness.
2. **Sealing:** Once dry, you can apply a varnish or sealant (not included) to protect your design and give it a glossy finish.