

## Mounting/Usage

**Mount from top and bottom, NOT from the sides**

The Single Use Tarp is designed to mount by attaching the top and bottom grommets to get "back pressure." It IS NOT designed to mount by attaching the left and right sides. If you have a wall, just tack it in place, so your wall gives you back pressure without stretching the material.

**Treat The Mural Like It's Fragile**

When using our Mural Stand, pull the mural JUST taut enough so it's flat. DO NOT pull it as tight as you might a regular vinyl banner. This material IS NOT as strong as banner vinyl.

**Don't Pull The Grommets Too Tight**

If you use cable ties to attach the mural to our mural stand, remember that the Single Use Tarp material isn't made to withstand the tugging you can do to a regular vinyl banner. Tighten the mural JUST ENOUGH to get it in place, but not more than that.

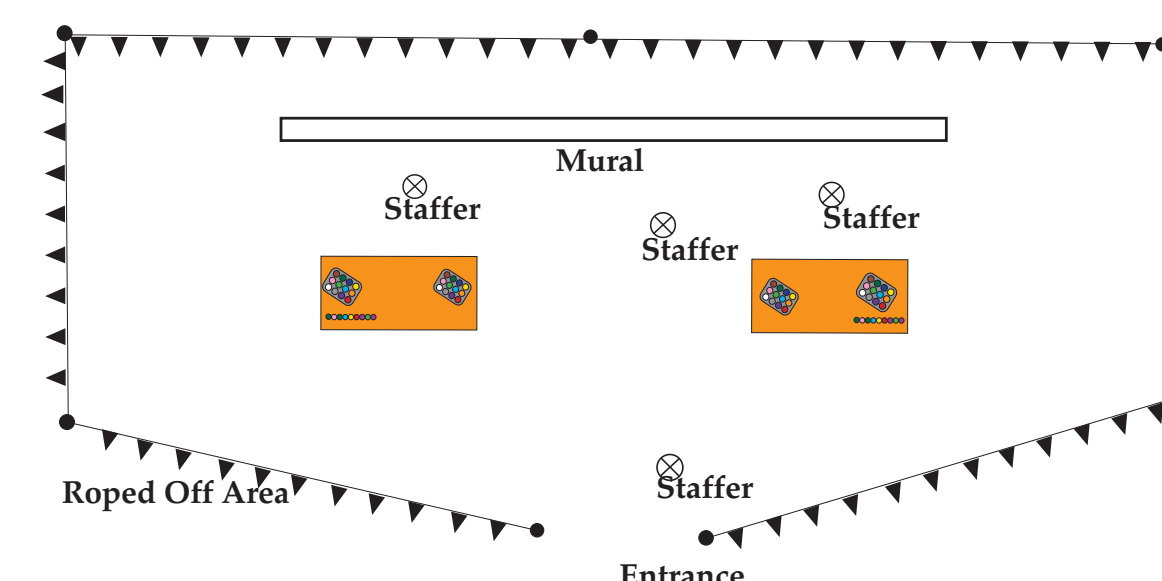
**Keep Out Of The Path Of Wind (when unattended)**

Never leave the mural mounted, unattended, where the wind will pull on the grommets. So don't leave it on our mural stand unattended—even overnight between event days, as you never know when the wind will pick up.

**If You Have One Of OUR Mural Stands...**

See the STAND INSTRUCTIONS for specific instructions how to mount the mural onto the stand.

## Area Set-Up



**If You're Interested in Some Control...**

We suggest taking some steps to "rope off" the area. Have one entryway, and a staffer to greet people when they come into the area. If entry feels controlled, people will treat the painting activity with more respect. But if you don't care, this is certainly not necessary.

**Consider 4-6 Focused Adults To Manage This**

If you really don't care how messy the painting is, then go with less. Just remember, the more management you have, the more participants will respect it.

**Have At Least One Table**

Use two tables if you can, for all your paint, brushes, cups, wipes, etc. If you are just using markers, one table will be fine.

# Mural Activity Management

## Markers/Paint

**Most Kid's Markers (We Like Crayola Brand)**

Get "Broad Tip". DON'T get "Fine Line" or "Wedge Tip". We like Crayola brand. Most others "bead up" on this material.

**Most Kid's Paint (Washable or Tempera)**

Every kids paint, washable paint, or tempera paint we've tried works on our Single Use Tarp material. However, we like "Washable" paint, so it'll come out of clothes afterwards. We think Crayola brand is most trusted by parents.

Crayons don't write much at all on this material. Sharpies are so aggressive they start accumulating the paper coating and clog themselves up.

**Crayons, Sharpies**

## Managing with Markers

**Discuss Your 'Neatness Expectations' Beforehand**

Talk about this beforehand, with the mural buyer, the event organizers, the volunteer staffers, whoever is involved. Just make sure you're on the same page with your expectations, as it's hard to change your strategy in the middle of the event.

**Consider Limiting The Number Of Markers Out (at least to start)**

Limiting markers will limit the number of participants, which will give you a better feel for how to control the area. Only put out as many markers as you'd like participants. If you'd like to keep it to 25 or so participants, then only put out 25 brushes/markers. Once they're out, they're hard to take back from people.

**Use Big Plastic Cups, Or Very Small Buckets, For Markers**

These are an easy way to keep markers organized. The more you have out, the more that people will see how you're trying to keep them organized.

**Keep Up With Marker Caps Immediately**

Don't wait to start monitoring marker caps. Tell participants to put them back on, monitor your distribution cups, and put them back on as needed.

**Use Your Markers At Several Events**

Markers will usually last for several events over several months. We had one client who used the same 144 markers every weekend for four months. However, they likely won't last until the same event next year. Consider donating them to a pre-school if you don't have another event for a while.



## Managing With Paint

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**Consider Limiting The Number Of Brushes Out (at least to start)**

Limiting brushes will limit the number of participants, which will give you a better feel for how to control the area. Only put out as many paint brushes as you'd like participants. If you'd like to keep it to 25 or so participants, then only put out 25 brushes/markers. Once they're out, they're hard to take back from people.

**Consider Tiny Cups for Paint**

We like those tiny "portion cups", like you put ketchup in at Wendy's. We can supply those, and they're also available at restaurant supply stores.

**Use Small Paint Brushes**

We like very small paint brushes, so it takes lots of people all day to paint the mural. We offer brushes that are 7" total length, a little over 1/2" hair length, and about 1/8" diameter. You can certainly use whatever size you like, but remember that larger brushes will get the mural done quicker than smaller brushes. (You can always hold several brushes at once and have them act like a bigger brush. You can't make a bigger brush smaller, though.)

**Have A Water Spray Bottle To Keep Paint From Drying**

If you have kids paint, have a spray bottle, so you can "mist" the paints every hour or so—to keep them from drying out.

**Familiarize Yourself With The Washing Instructions On The Paint**

Parents will ask you what type of paint it is, and if it will come out of clothes. It's best to have a good answer for them.

**Have A Way Of CLEANING PAINT OFF HANDS!**

Whether it's baby wipes, or buckets of water and washrags, or a portable sink, have some way for kids to get paint off their hands. Remember, if kids leave the mural area with painted hands, they may get paint onto other event stuff that you don't want them to.

