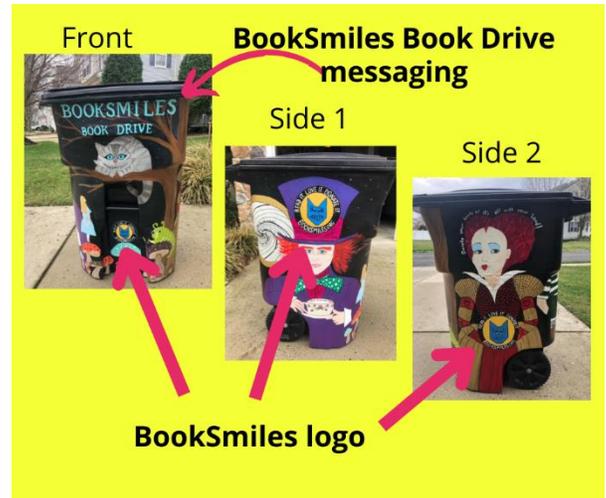


Painting an Art Collection Bin for BookSmiles

Thank you for painting a collection bin for BookSmiles. We are proud of our 'signature' collection bins. They attract attention and we are able to use them to brand our organization. If you have any questions, please reach out to Karen Hamilton, our Program Coordinator, at karen@booksmiles.org

Before you begin, we ask the following goes on your bin:

- **Paint our logo on the front and both sides of the bin. Add our name and the wording "Book Drive" on the front. (see pic) Branding is important to us and we want folks to know this is a collection bin for books, not trash.**



- **For the lid...the sun and weather are hard on our bin tops. Please only prime and paint the area shown in the pic. Add the message "Donate Books Here" on the 3 spaces.**



Prep and Painting tips:

Give yourself a prep day. I know you want to jump in to painting, but this step is important.

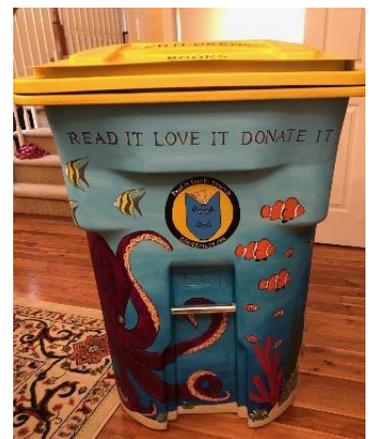
- **Bin prep:** Most bins have a texture to them, but some areas, especially on the lid, have smooth surfaces. Any smooth surface needs to be sanded to provide a 'tooth' for the paint to adhere. Do not skip this step. If you do not sand and the bin is placed in the sun, the paint will bubble and peel. (I know from experience!) I generally sand the whole bin.
- I also use a **degreaser**, or a liquid dish soap to wash the bin after sanding to remove any dust and to remove any manufacturing grease from the bin. Allow to dry several hours or overnight.
- **Priming:** I use an exterior primer on all surfaces...something like Kilz or Gripper is fine. I have seen bins that haven't been primed and they seem to hold up ok, so this step is up to you. One note, some bin manufacturers use a chemical in their plastic that resists paint. (A measure

to help remove unwanted graffiti.) The priming and sanding process helps your paint adhere better. **For priming and painting, make sure you are not in temperatures in excess of 85 degrees and high humidity. The primer and paint will not cure in those conditions. If it feels tacky to the touch...your paint has not cured.**

- **Paints:** I have used Acrylic craft paints (Michaels) on all my bins. Larry has used outdoor latex paints from Lowe's and Home Depot on some. Both seem to work well. **(See materials list below for the best products I've found so far.)**
- **Sealing:** After your paint has dried for a few days, you should apply an exterior sealer. Can use either a spray or brush on type. I usually apply 2 coats of the brush on type.

What to paint on your bin. This is up to you. Please do not do a splatter paint technique. We've had one of those and it looked sloppy. Also, please no political messages, offensive language, or religious themes. If you are unsure, feel free to contact Karen at the above email.

Here are some bins we love...



Bin Painting Materials List

Primer: Home Depot

Internet #306920690
Model # 1900-0100-01
Store SKU #626633
\$25.98/gal



Sealer: Home Depot

Internet #100674057
Model # 242057
Store SKU #939113
\$9.98/30 oz



Decorative paints: I have found two products that work well on plastic for exterior use: Prices vary by retailer

1. Deco Art Curb Appeal

Can be found on Amazon, Joanne's, Walmart



2. Art Minds Found at Michael's online

DIY Outdoor Paint by ArtMinds®, 8oz.



\$7.99

Save 20% with code ZOMADEBYYOU [see details](#)



In Stock and ready to ship
● Ship to Me - FREE over \$59
Out of Stock at Moorestown Mall - Moorestown, NJ
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3. I also use Multi-Surface and Outdoor craft paints from Michaels. (Can be found in-store)



HAPPY PAINTING!!