Little Auzzie Makers

Custom Name Plaque

Instructions, safety tips and step-by-step drying guide. Ages 4+ with adult supervision.

What's in the box

All kits include Plaster figures, paints and brushes. Deluxe Kits include an Art Apron.

- Plaster letters ready to paint
- Bright non-toxic paints
- Paint brushes
- Handmade in Australia

Safety first

- Individual plaster letters are small and can break — choking hazard for under 4s.
- Letters are not a wall-mounted toy; display out of reach of babies and pets.
- Non-toxic paints. Let letters dry fully before handling or gifting.
- Adult supervision required at all times. Not suitable for children under 4 — contains small parts (choking hazard).
- Do not eat the plaster or paints. Keep away from eyes, mouth and pets.
- Discard broken plaster pieces smaller than a 20c coin.

Step-by-step painting guide

1. Set up your space (2 minutes)

Cover the table with newspaper or a wipeable cloth. Pop on the Art Apron if your kit includes one, and fill a small cup with water for rinsing brushes.

2. Check your figures

Unwrap each plaster figure and place it on a flat surface. Plaster is brittle, so handle it with two hands and avoid pressing on thin details.

3. Paint the base colours (10–20 minutes)

Start with the biggest areas first using a thin, even coat. Thin coats dry faster and stop the paint pooling in the detail lines.

4. Let the first coat dry (10–15 minutes)

Leave the figure somewhere flat, dry and out of reach. The paint is dry when it looks matte and is no longer tacky to a light touch.

5. Add a second coat if you want brighter colour (10 minutes)

Repeat with a second thin coat for stronger colour. Always dry between coats — painting over a wet coat lifts the colour underneath.

6. Paint the fine details (5–10 minutes)

Use the smaller brush for eyes, patterns and outlines. Rinse and dry the brush between colours so shades stay clean.

7. Final drying (about 30 minutes)

Leave the finished figure to dry for around 30 minutes before handling or displaying. Thicker coats and humid or cold days can need up to 2 hours.

8. Clean up

Wash brushes in warm soapy water and reshape the bristles. Wash little hands, wipe the table, and let the apron air dry.

Drying guide at a glance

Stage	Time	How to tell it's ready
Between paint coats	10–15 min	Surface looks matte, not shiny or tacky
Fine detail work	5–10 min	Lines hold their shape and don't smudge
Ready to handle	about 30 min	Feels dry and cool to a light touch
Ready to gift or pack	2 hours	Fully dry all over, including the base

Tips for a great finish

- Warm, dry air dries fastest — avoid direct sun or a heater, which can crack the plaster.
- If a piece snaps, a dab of craft glue and 30 minutes of drying usually fixes it.
- Seal finished figures with a clear water-based craft sealer (adults only) for longer display life.

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