

FIXATIVES

Fixative is a liquid spray that creates a barrier. There are two main types: workable fixative and final fixative. Workable fixative allows you to continue drawing more layers on top without affecting or blending into the layers underneath. Final fixative completely seals the surface of the drawing to protect it from smudging, and is only used upon completion. For wax-based pencils, final fixative is especially important to prevent wax bloom.

For safety reasons, fixative should be sprayed outdoors. Due to the chemicals, those sensitive, may require a respirator or safety glasses when spraying the fixative. Put your artwork outdoors on a small flat surface. It is a good idea to put newspaper down first to protect your flat surface. Do not spray too close to your artwork, and keep the spray can moving. It is a good idea to spray on the newspaper first before moving on to your artwork. Allow the fixative to dry, then turn your painting upside down and repeat. Allow to dry.

Krylon Workable fixative and Prismacolor Final Fix are options available.