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IT'S HARD TO *RESIST* THIS FUN PROJECT

Use Resist and Other Techniques on New Silk Hoops Kit from Jacquard Products

Healdsburg, CA (October 9, 2009)— It's easy to look like an expert with the latest at-home project from Jacquard Products. The Hoop Painting Fun Bag is full of professional-quality supplies for painting silk hoops, which can be used as sun catchers or as beautiful wall art. Whether you're a first-time painter, or an expert in the art of silk painting, this kit has all the supplies needed to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Each affordably priced Hoop Painting Fun Bag comes with three silk hoops, encouraging users to test out different techniques. For example, the resist technique can be used to create defined sections of color, and the watercolor technique will blend colors seamlessly.

Each kit comes with 3 100% Silk 9.5" hoops, 2 paintbrushes, 3 Dye-Na-Flow colors, Permanent Metallic Resist, Silk Salt and tips and techniques information. Dye-Na-Flow colors are non-toxic and can be cleaned up with water. The Hoop Painting Fun Bag is CPSIA compliant, MSRP \$13.99.



**Finished Silk Hoop using
multiple techniques**



Even though the kit contains just three Dye-Na-Flow colors, users can actually achieve most colors in the spectrum. That's because the included colors are the three primary colors: red, blue and yellow. Mixing the colors adds an additional element of fun to the project, and kids get a great lesson from the trial and error of "creating" colors.

The kit contains all of the supplies needed to alter the hoops using four different techniques, each resulting in unique finished product.

The most traditional silk painting method is to use a resist to draw lines and shapes on silk. The resist (usually wax or a rubber derivative applied using a special tool) acts as a boundary between colors, much like lead in a

stained glass window. Jacquard's Permanent Metallic Resist, included in the Hoop Painting Fun Bag, is easily applied because the squeeze bottle has a tip that makes it easy to draw lines and shapes. As long as the line of resist is complete and thoroughly creates a barrier, the color will only permeate the desired area. This technique is used when a specific shape or defined lines are intended.



Resist technique



Watercolor technique

A method with completely different results is the **watercolor** technique. When Dye-Na-Flow color is applied to the silk hoop freely, the dye spreads and mixes with other colors already on the material. This creates a blend of colors, similar to the look of a watercolor painting. Simply put one paint color next to another and watch as the dyes flow and blend almost magically. Pre-wetting the silk hoop enhances the watercolor effect.

Another method is the **salt** technique, which uses the Silk Salt included in the Hoop Painting Fun Bag to create starbursts of color on the silk. By applying salt granules immediately after the color has been applied, a beautiful starburst can be achieved. As the silk dries, the salt crystals soak up the dye creating the starburst. For varying sizes, small to large granules of salt can be used.



Salt technique



Sunprinting technique

Finally, since Dye-Na-Flow colors are photo-sensitive, objects can be placed onto wet colors and then exposed to sunlight to create an impression of the object on the silk hoop. This is commonly referred to as the **sunprinting** technique. Only a silk hoop, Dye-Na-Flow colors, small objects that would create interesting impressions and sunlight are needed for this technique.

Painting silk hoops is a great activity to keep kids (and adults) busy and creative on a rainy afternoon, at a birthday party, or in the classroom. The sky's the limit when it comes to painting silk hoops. Use one technique, or experiment with many to create a piece of art that's truly one-of-a-kind. For more information visit www.jacquardproducts.com.

About Jacquard Products

Jacquard Products has been producing professional-quality textile paint and dyes at the best value for surface designers, textile artists, fine artists, hobbyists, and crafters. It has almost 20 color lines, available in standard and bulk sizes, sets, and in easy-to-use kits. Offering the highest quality of dyes and inks that hold fast and color deeply, do-it-yourselfers can bring professional creativity to their home, school, patio or anywhere they wish to create wearable art.