

pirates

explainer



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Your indispensable practical guide to what Pirates can do for you, and how.

Pirates mainly use spray paint, it covers large areas quickly and vibrantly which makes it perfect for large scale work. They can also use a host of other media including pen, chalk and acrylic paint for smaller scale work. They are also capable of providing other forms of mural art such as poster art or stencilling, just ask!

Surface and application.

All surfaces must be non-porous or primed prior to painting. Porous surfaces such as wood or brick will absorb the paint and reduce its visibility. Priming acts as a barrier and will ensure that all colours are vibrant and consistent.

Where the surface needs to be returned to its original state we can arrange the application of a clear matt latex coating that protects the surface. On removal, the coating takes the artwork with it.

For surfaces higher than 8 feet, additional equipment such as scaffold or cherry pickers may be necessary.

Different media, their uses and constraints.

Spray paint

Covers all primed surfaces but does not work well on floors or ceilings, shelter from rain is suggested but not a necessity.

Paint pen

Really smooth surfaces are required, will work across floors, walls and ceilings and must be sheltered from rain.

Acrylic paint

Smooth surfaces are suggested but not a necessity. Will work across floors, walls and ceilings and must be sheltered from rain.

Spray paint ventilation

Indoor

Good ventilation is suggested for installation but not a necessity. If the artwork is intended to be a feature at a public event or for use in a public space it is suggested that you leave at least 8 hours before people are allowed to come into contact with the artwork or surrounding area. If the artwork is only intended to be photographed then airing time is at your own discretion.

With acrylic painting, chalk work or pen work all that's required is drying time as fumes are not an issue.

Outdoor

Naturally, no ventilation required.

Pirates have the contacts for everything needed for set up, including...

All materials, spray paints, pens, chalks, paints and masks.

Ladders, scaffold towers and cherry pickers.

Emulsions and primers for prepping surfaces.

Removable coatings to protect walls.

All materials and materials delivery costs are separate from the artwork costs, however they are more than happy to use your contacts for set up

They are based in London so if potential work is elsewhere in the UK or overseas then other set up and materials arrangements may need to be made.

Costs and time.

Time will vary but Pirates work on the premise that they can generally cover one 48sheet format per day. This is based on a spray paint execution. A smaller job that requires more detail may take longer.

If you have a project in mind for a particular space just get in touch and we can come back to you with an accurate cost and schedule.

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