

# How To Use A Paint Mixing Cup in 5 Steps

## Step 1 - Determine the mix ratio of the paint

The first component, A is most commonly the base (paint).  
Components B, C and D may be activators, catalysts, hardeners or thinners.

## Step 2 - Locate the corresponding paint mixture ratio on the mixing cup

The ratios will be listed at the top of each column and are written as follows:

- A ratio mix of 2 parts to one part reads as 2:1 at the top of the column.
- A ratio mix of 7 parts to one part reads as 7:1 at the top of the column.  
And so on.



## Step 3 - Place the cup on a flat surface with the ratio measurements in view, and pour in component A

Pour the paint slowly, and do not move the cup. If the paint slops onto the sides of the cup it can obscure the measurement markings making them difficult to read

## Step 4 - Add component B

With component A still in the mixing cup, pour component B into the container until the volume of both component A and B together reach the next batch line in the column to the right. It will look like a small staircase. The addition of component B may raise the level of both components in the cup, or it may just sit on top of component A. This occurs often when component B is an activator, or hardener, and has a different consistency than the paint.

## Step 5 - Mix the paint thoroughly with a stir stick and pour it into your paint gun

Once mixed the paint may need to sit for several minutes before beginning the application process. Check the label and/or instructions for details specific to the type and brand of paint you are using.