



## PAINTING GUIDELINES

### About the Sculpture

Each sculpture is finished with a white primer/undercoat. Before you begin, we recommend that you:

- Unwrap the sculpture and check it over – we suggest a light sand prior to painting.
- Some small blemishes may be visible in the primer and some small chips may have occurred in transportation. Larger chips may need to be filled with a plastic filler e.g. Isopon easy sand.
- If you require a particularly high gloss finish to your piece then even more consideration should be given to sanding the primer to a smooth finish using several grades of sandpaper. NB Please wear a dust mask whilst sanding.

### Decorating the Sculpture

To paint a sculpture, we recommend you use:

- a good quality artists' acrylic water-based paint
- emulsion paint for larger areas
- acrylic metallic paint
- spray paints

Other materials:

- Lazertran – a highly effective inkjet transfer paper that separates in water and can be glued onto the sculpture. Lazertran requires varnish to hold it secure when dry. Please note: this material can be difficult to work with on a curved surface.
- Permanent marker pens – once the varnish is dry, permanent pens are a good way to add detail too small to create with a brush. Please note: DO NOT APPLY permanent marker or other pen such as biro under the varnish as the colour runs and bleeds when varnish is applied.
- Collage paper/newspaper/tissue paper – you can use PVA glue to create collages with paper. However, collage does not last outdoors.

### Finishing your Sculpture

To finish your sculpture, you must varnish your work to protect it from the elements and weather damage. We will provide you with a varnish called Easy-On by Urban Hygiene, please see application guide attached separately.

Each sculpture requires a **minimum** of two coats of this varnish. Varnish should be applied in thin coats to avoid runs, with a soft brush or a varnish roller. Alternatively, an excellent finish can be obtained by building up layers applied on a soft, damp lint-free cloth.

Thank you .....

**We look forward to seeing your design come to life.**