

## **PAINTING SOCIAL TOOLKIT: EVENT ENHANCEMENTS**

Turning a simple activity like paint-by-number into an event to boost engagement and make it a memorable experience. Here are some ideas for how teams could structure a social gathering around the painting kits. Hopefully, these ideas give your group plenty of inspiration to turn the paint-by-number activity into a truly engaging and enjoyable event for their teams!

### **Tropical Seascape Escape**

For seascape kits, create a Hawaiian or tropical theme.

- Attire: Encourage attendees to wear festive outfits such as Hawaiian shirts, leis, and grass skirts.
- Food & Drink: tropical fruit platters, mocktails or cocktails with umbrellas
- Ambiance: Ukulele music playing softly in the background

### **Secret Garden Soirée**

For flower-themed kits, suggest a garden party vibe.

- Location: host at a local park that offers a lush backdrop or someone's backyard that could fit this theme.
- Attire: Encourage floral prints or garden casual attire.
- Food & Drink: Serve light refreshments like cucumber sandwiches, fruit tarts, and iced tea or lemonade.
- Ambiance: Play Downton Abbey, The Secret Garden, Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility in the background.

### **Art Gallery Opening**

Elevate the experience by treating the painting results like a mini art opening. Offer kits in advance to paint at home on your own time and gather to view the final paintings gallery style.

- Location: Somewhere that the art can be displayed on easels, or hung on a wall.
- Food & Drink: Serve sophisticated snacks like cheese boards, olives, and sparkling cider.
- Ambiance: Play classical or ambient music, and at a set time, offer to host a guided "gallery walk" and make deep comments about the sophistication and talent of the artists' work.

### **Color Wars Challenge**

Add a competitive twist. Teams (or individuals) could race to finish their paintings. This adds energy and does not guarantee a pretty finished product but will likely liven up the atmosphere.

### **Paint & Pass**

Choose 2-3 kits and have them out for anyone to grab a brush and dabble collaboratively on any or all of the paintings at their leisure. Frame the final product and display in the office setting or raffle them off.

### **Mystery Masterpiece**

Don't reveal the specific painting themes beforehand. Let participants blindly choose a sealed kit.