

BRAND	RATING	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TYPE OF FACE PAINT	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	TIPS
	****	China	Wax-based	Good paint, all rounder	Not very smudge resistant	Apply thin layer to avoid smudging later
PIAMOND F A C E A R T	****	China	Wax-based	Reasonable coverage as base color Blends well Excellent line work Comparatively inexpensive Somewhat smudge/smear resisitant —somewhat durable	Some colors may stain a little	
Face & Body Makeup	****	Netherlands	Glycerin-based	Versatile and overall performs well Very creamy Not much activation needed Hold consistency well, Opaque and blends well, Good for line work Comfortable on the face Qualities are similar for all colors	Needs some practice to get used to the creaminess	Do not activate more paint than needed for the next step
COLOURS	****	China	Acacia Senegal Gum Based	Performs well except for feeling dry as a whole-face base; Brilliant colors Magenta and dark blue are especially intense colors; Teal does not stain much compared to some other brands	For bases it can feel dry/tight Big variance in consistency of paints as to whether they are very soft, gooey, or brittle. Yellow is a little gooey. Most others are just soft or somewhat brittle. (Keep in consideration if you repot your paints.)	
GRAFTOBIAN	**	USA	Glycerin-based	Translucent bases with kabuki brush	Does not apply well to skin. The un-activated paint changes consistency in pot during usage	Use it in cooler dry areas only
PROFESSIONAL MAKE-UP	****	Germany	Glycerin-based	Fast even easy controllable base color, pleasant smell	Not great for line work, Packaging	Works best applied with a kabuki brush
(Creamy)	****	China	Glycerin and Acacia Senegal Gum Based	Easy to work with, holds consistency well, fast coverage with sponge		
(Essential)	****	China	Wax-based	Versatile and overall performs well Easy to work with Precise application with sponge possible (fast coverage, even blending and sharp edges) Perfect powdery translucent finish with kabuki (if this effect is wanted)	Not opaque with kabuki brush	
MAKEUP (Paradise AQ)	****	USA	Glycerin-based	Somewhat translucent coverage Takes a little more effort to work water in to achieve opacity with the brush Pleasant odor; Blends well; Comfortable on the skin Easy to work with Good for bases Moderate for line work, but must be worked up well with water for that purpose	Somewhat translucent if opaci- ty is wanted Rather expensive Some colors may seem slightly more muted than counterparts in other brands. Teal is a stainer Not quite as durable as wax based paints—not particularly smudge/smear resistant	To achieve better opac- ity activate a good amount of paint before applying on skin
Art Studio FX	****	Germany	Glycerin-based	Even translucent coverage (if this effect is wanted) Blends well	Absorbs activation water fast as a result needs to be reactivated often Not very opaque	Reactivate often
Party <mark>X plosion</mark>	****	China	Wax-based	Can achieve completely opaque Good for line work as well as sponging and kabuki brush application Strong colors	Smears heavily	Apply thin to avoid smudging, wait before applying next color to avoid bleeding through
Face & Body Paint	****	USA	Glycerin-based	Fast even completely opaque coverage, Manufacturer claims it's the safest product on the market Strong colors.	"Melts" easily	Place cooling pad underneath paints during summer, work in shade only
snazaroo	***	UK	Glycerin-based	Goes on soft like "butter" and covers well, Inexpensive	Does not stay on well, Not sweat/smudge proof	Avoid using it outdoors in hot weather if the painted design is supposed to last
TAG Sody Art	****	China	Wax-based	An overall good paint Good opacity with sponge, kabuki brushes, and line work Brilliant colors Versatile paint Fairly durable on the skin—somewhat smudge/smear resistant	Some colors may stain slightly	
FACE ART & FX	****	China	Wax-based	Line work keeps a nice sheen once dry		Build and maintain a little dip in the middle of the cake for easy control of the paint consistency