

DVD REVIEW:

### ***Face Painting for Beginners***

Produced by Mike Barret Productions Ltd. for Catch A Rainbow Professional Face Painting. Running time 58 minutes.

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I finally watched my very first DVD... ever!!! I am not technologically advanced and the only reason I was able to watch it was that my new (this spring) laptop has sound and everything. I just got rid of my Betamax Video machine last year so this was a huge step for me!! The only CD player I own is in my car... I had to figure out how to turn the sound back on on the laptop though, as I shut it all off when I was setting it up.... I hate having sound on the computer. Loud annoying music, blaring ads... yuck... but I digress...

Toni Scholes of Catch A Rainbow has created a DVD called "Face Painting for Beginners" and I thought I would have a look at it.

I'm very impressed with Toni! She is very at ease explaining the basics of face painting and demonstrating sponge and brush techniques for beginners. I have to admit that I even learned a few things myself - one of the draw backs of being mostly self-taught is the lack of exposure to how more experienced painters work! Her demonstrations of blending and application were very clear and done in a way that a complete novice should be comfortable following.

The faces she demonstrates are nice beginner faces that should not intimidate anyone starting out, and the dragon she demonstrates last is great!! I love that and think I will use it myself - it's so quick and effective!

My only comment is that the filming angles are off in parts but you still get a good idea of how to do everything she demonstrates. The camera spends too much time on Toni's face and her talking rather than showing what she is actually describing and doing – this was an issue with the producer of the DVD who felt they knew better than the face painter about what people wanted to see.

If you are new to face painting this would be a good beginner DVD as Toni covers the basics very well, there is enough demonstration for you to see how and the faces she demonstrates are very good and varied. And with a DVD you can stop and back-up and have another look.

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