

Corel® Painter™ Non-functioning Brush Checklist



Painter utilizes several means to get brushes to behave in various ways. As a result, you can find yourself in a situation in which a brush that worked before suddenly refuses to paint—or doesn't apply the desired color.

Use the following checklist as an S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedure) to resolve the problem.

Painting on layers—brushes don't work: Check the *Layers* palette. *Preserve Transparency* is enabled. Disable it.

Painting on layers—brushes don't work: Check the *Layers* palette. Are you erroneously painting on a layer whose *Visibility* has been disabled (the "eye" icon on the left of each layer)? Toggle *Visibility* on and/or select the layer you want to paint on.

Painting on layers—brushes don't work: Are you painting underneath a layer that is blocking the view of your brush strokes? Check the *Layers* palette. Are you targeting the layer you want to paint on? Are there layers above it that are possibly blocking your view. Disable the *Visibility* of the blocking layers above your targeted layer.

Painting on layers—blending/smearing brushes don't interact with underlying color or paint with white: Check the *Layers* palette. *Pick Up Underlying Color* is disabled. Enable it.

Painting on layers—brush doesn't paint or interact with underlying color & *Pick Up Underlying Color* is enabled: On the Canvas layer, test the brush on existing color. If it works, it is a brush that uses a method that does not work on layers (there are a few). Consider copying the imagery to the layer or working on the Canvas layer instead.

Painting on layers or Canvas—brush doesn't paint: Check the *Opacity* setting of the brush in the *Property Bar*. If it is set to 0%, turn it up.

Painting on layers or Canvas—brushes don't paint: You may have a small unnoticed active selection. In this situation, brushes will not paint outside the selection. In the *Select* menu, check and see if *None* is highlighted. If it is, *Select* it. This will delete the selection and brushes will work again.

Painting on layers or Canvas—brushes paint with the incorrect color: Check the *Colors* palette. Is the *Additional Color Square* highlighted? If so, click on the *Main Color Square*.

Painting on layers or Canvas—brushes paint with the incorrect colors or a pattern: Check the *Colors* palette. Is the *Hue Ring* and *Saturation/Value triangle* grayed out? *Clone Color* is enabled and the color is coming from a clone source (the current pattern if other images are not opened). In the *Color* palette, click on the *Clone Color button* (rubber stamp icon) to re-target the *Hue Ring* and *Saturation/Value triangle*.

The brush may have been adjusted to a setting that does not paint. In the *Brush Property Bar*, click on the *Brush icon* at the far left. This will restore the current brush variant's default settings.