



How To Fix Dried Out Water Based Markers

An easy guide on how to fix dried out water based markers.

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INTRODUCTION

Did you leave the cap off your marker again? Did the ink dry out? Keep your markers out of the trash by following these quick and easy steps.



TOOLS:

- [3 Cups Water](#) (1)
 - [2 Tablespoons Vinegar](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How To Fix Dried Out Water Based Markers



- Obtain the items necessary.
 - 2 Tablespoons Of Vinegar
 - 3 Cups Of Warm Water
 - The Dried Out Water Based Marker
 - ⚠ Make sure the marker is water based. If not, check the packaging if available. Steps 1-6 will not work on permanent markers. However, step 7 can be used for dried out permanent markers.
 - A Small Bowl
 - A Paper Towel

Step 2



- Fill the bowl with 3 cups of warm water.
 - ❗ You can use cold water - warm water allows for quicker solution.
 - ⚠ Make sure the water is not boiling! It will ruin your marker!
- Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar into the bowl with water.
- Mix in the vinegar.

Step 3



- Place the marker tip down into the bowl.
- Make sure the cap is off the marker. Set the cap aside for later use.
 - ❗ The marker can slip into the bowl. It just results in a longer drying time.
- Allow the marker to sit for approximately 5 minutes in the water.

Step 4



- Remove the marker from the bowl and place onto the paper towel.
 - Do not remove the marker until some ink is released into water.
- Wrap the marker in the paper towel and allow it to sit.
- Wait approximately two minutes.

Step 5



- Be sure to place the cap back on the marker.
- Make sure you lay the marker on its side.
- Allow the marker to sit for up to 15 minutes before you start writing with it.

Step 6



- Pick up the marker and start writing.
- Watch as the once dried out marker starts to work again.

Step 7



- If the marker does not work after steps 1-5, try placing the tip end in the vinegar alone and let sit in the vinegar for 2 minutes.
- ⓘ Do not be alarmed if some ink leaks into the vinegar, that is normal.
- Allow the marker to dry for at least 15 minutes before you start using it.

Repeat as necessary for all water based markers.