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# GREAT DANE



PAINT BY NUMBER



Violet Oakley was only twenty-eight years old when she accepted a commission to paint the murals depicting the life of William Penn in the Governor's Reception Room in the Pennsylvania State Capitol building. It was uncommon in 1902 for a female artist to be selected for this type of work. Oakley also completed murals in the Supreme Court and Senate chambers. Violet Oakley's work showed the world that a female artist could paint a mural as well as a male artist.



The great dane was prominently depicted alongside William Penn in the completed Reception Room mural. The dog remains close to Penn, as a loyal companion. The inclusion of this great dane in the mural may have ultimately been influential in its selection as the state dog.

Not everyone can paint a mural like a professional artist, so there are other options, like paint by number. Creating art at home using paint by number became a popular pastime in the early 1950s. A paint by number kit included two brushes, premixed numbered paints and a canvas with numbered spaces. The at-home artist applied the number paint that corresponded with the number on the canvas. As the spaces with numbers were painted over, the image was revealed as a painting.



*Let's paint a great dane!*

## Materials

- Acrylic paint – 5 colors
- Paint brushes – 5
- Paint paper
- Color Printer

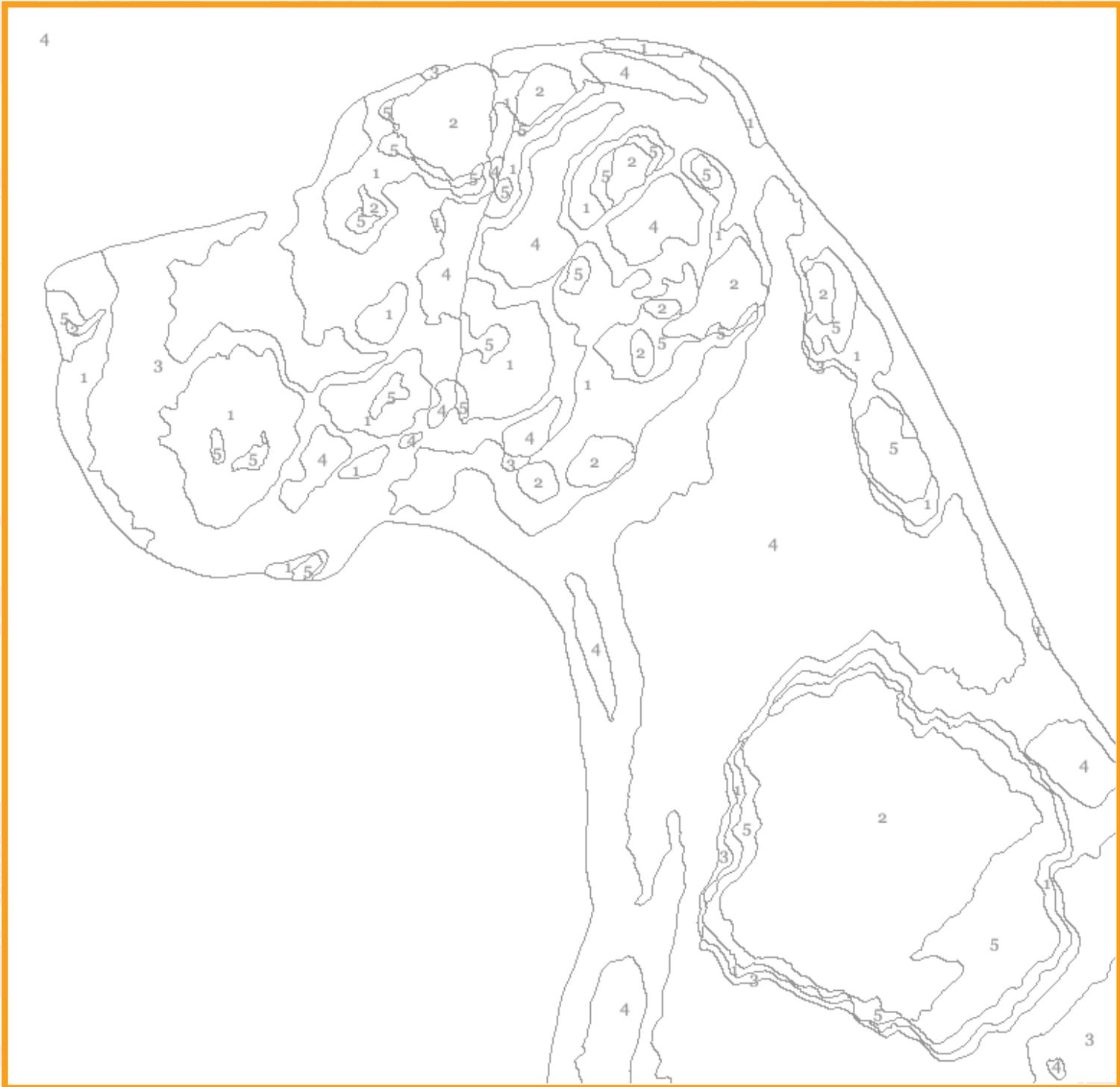
**Print the Paint by Number (PBN) Great Dane image onto paint paper or cardstock. You can try to blend colors similar to the ones shown below, use the codes to make the exact colors shown below or use 5 colors of your choosing.**



- 1:** #3f4142 | RGB (63 65 66) | HSL (200 2% 25%) | HSV/HSB (200 5% 26%) | CMYK (5% 2% 0% 74%)  
**2:** #07090a | RGB (7 9 10) | HSL (200 18% 3%) | HSV/HSB (200 30% 4%) | CMYK (30% 10% 0% 96%)  
**3:** #dacc8 | RGB (218 204 200) | HSL (13 20% 82%) | HSV/HSB (13 8% 85%) | CMYK (0% 6% 8% 15%)  
**4:** #eeeeef | RGB (238 238 239) | HSL (240 3% 94%) | HSV/HSB (240 0% 94%) | CMYK (0% 0% 0% 6%)  
**5:** #2c2d2e | RGB (44 45 46) | HSL (210 2% 18%) | HSV/HSB (210 4% 18%) | CMYK (4% 2% 0% 82%)

**Paint the appropriate color in its corresponding space on the printed PBN Great Dane image until all the spaces have been filled. When you are done, let the paint dry. Be sure to sign your painting! You are the artist! Display your artwork for all to see!**

Paint by number!



*Great job!*

