



## Refill Instructions for Design Essentio Fountain Pen: (previously known as BASIC)

### FOUNTAIN PEN INK

It is necessary to use Faber-Castell Fountain Inks exclusively with Faber-Castell Fountain Pens for best performance and to prevent damage to the feed. Our inks are specially formulated and designed specifically for our pens. If using unsuitable ink by another manufacturer, the instrument will be adversely affected. In these cases, replacement part charges and/or repair fees will apply. For best results and to prevent clogging, use fresh ink when refilling the pen.

### CARE

Nibs will adjust to your handwriting as you write with the pen. It is not recommended to allow others to write with your fountain pen. Do not press down hard as this may result in skipping and ink flow problems. The ink flow begins as the nib touches and glides across the paper. If a pen has not been used for an extended period of time and you are experiencing ink flow problems, you can flush the nib with water. Flushing a nib is accomplished by following the converter refill instructions, only using water as opposed to ink. Never use alcohol.

### AIR TRAVEL

Changes in air pressure during a flight can cause a fountain pen to leak. It is therefore recommended when not in use, that you keep the pen vertical with the nib uppermost when traveling by air.



1. Remove the cap (1) from the barrel (3) by pulling it off gently.
2. Remove the nib/front piece (2) by turning the barrel (3) counterclockwise.
3. To fill the pen with ink, choose the option below that best suits your preference.

#### A: Option 1

**CONVERTER** (4) (All BASIC Fountain pens come equipped with an ink cartridge; a converter is sold separately)

1. Turn the top of the converter (4) counterclockwise until the plunger is advanced all the way.
2. Dip the nib/front piece (2) down in the Faber-Castell ink bottle (6) and turn the top of the converter (4) clockwise to pull the ink up into the converter (4). Wipe excess ink from the nib/front piece (2) with a soft, clean paper towel or cloth.

#### B: Option 2

**CARTRIDGE** (5) (All BASIC Fountain pens come equipped with an ink cartridge)

1. Pull the empty cartridge (5) firmly to remove it from the nib/front piece (2).
2. Insert a Faber-Castell ink cartridge (5) into the nib/front piece (2). Push the cartridge (5) in until you hear a slight "pop." This sound means the cartridge (5) has been pierced and the ink will flow into the ink feed of the nib/front piece (2).

4. Return the nib/front piece (2) to the barrel (3) by turning the barrel (3) clockwise and begin writing.
5. When not in use, return the cap (1) to the barrel (3) by pushing it on to the barrel (3) gently until you hear it click closed. Store horizontally or with the nib/front piece (2) in an upright position.

**Refills** Ink Bottle: #148701 Royal Blue, #148700 Brilliant Black (62.5ml)

Ink Cartridge: #185506 Royal Blue, #185507 Brilliant Black (0.86ml)

Converter: #148785

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