Soft bottom, roll up boats don't always need bottom paint. Bottom paint is ablative and will flake off when the boats are rolled up for storage.

If you plan to roll your boat up frequently, we suggest taking your boat out of the water every few days to scrub the bottom instead of using bottom paint.

If you leave it in the water for longer periods of time, it will probably need bottom paint. We recommend paint made for inflatable boats as it has some give when tubes inflate and deflate (Pettit has a good one.)

Prep the surface first. Put a little acetone on a clean cloth and lightly wipe down the area you plan to paint. This removes any chemical residue before painting. Do NOT put acetone on any other part of the boat.



Start by taping across the bow just below where the D-rings sit.

Tape from the bow to the stern, along the tubes at an angle to the stern rub rail.



Use the rub rail in the stern as a guide to go around the back of the tubes.

We suggest painting to the motor plate. If you have a heavier motor, or plan to carry heavy loads, include some of the motor plate in your paint area.

