



5 easy steps to painting furniture

- #1 Make sure your piece is clean! Wipe off with a damp cloth or if really dirty, a 3:1 solution of water and White Vinegar works great. Or my fave, Humble Suds concentrated cleaner. If painting Kitchen Cabinets, we recommend using a non-rinse solution of TSP,
- #2 If your piece is super shiny, you may wish to give it a "light sand" to create a surface that paint will more easily stick to. Otherwise, skip and proceed to the next FUN step....Painting!
- #3 Using a continuous water mister, spritz your surface with water. This allows the paint to flow better and you will have far fewer brush strokes. (DIY Paint is naturally thick, you will use less paint with this step)

Dip your brush into the paint about 1/4", not more! You will be amazed at how little of paint you really need. Choose a starting point, bottom or top, or middle if doing a large flat surface and brush out as long as you can. If there is a lot of paint left on your brush, or it looks like you put the paint on a little thick, spritz again with water to keep the paint flowing.
- #4 Do 1-2 subsequent coats. Allow paint to fully dry between coats. If paint looks dry but feels wet or cold to the touch, wait until it is room temperature (when cold and wet outside the paint will take longer to dry)
- #5 For a smooth professional surface, lightly sand with 320 Grit sandpaper and remove excess dust before applying top coat. For more distressing, use a 220 Grit Sandpaper on high points and edges. DIY Paint is highly durable, but also highly absorbent. Choose the finish that works best for you.

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NO Latex, NO Acrylic.
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KAREN'S PRO TIPS



- Less is more. More thin coats are better than 2 thick coats
- Lightly sand piece with 320 or higher grit sandpaper before applying finish
- Avoid too much back and forth. Long even strokes will give you a better finish
- If paint is drying too quickly, keep water bottle near by and mist surface as you work
- Mistakes are happy learning moments. If you have a blob, drip, etc and paint has dried, simply sand smooth when dry and either touch up or apply top coat. You won't see your mistake.



THE BIG FINISH

DIY Paint is very durable, but absorbent. To protect your project, choose a finish that suits your needs

Big Top (most popular it's easy!)

Low Sheen, high durability.
Brush on 1-2 Coats w/ foam brush or regular paint brush.
Best for tables and high traffic areas

Wax

Gorgeous, makes a soft, supple, but durable finish. Best for traditional pieces that don't get a ton of high traffic.
When piece is completely dry, apply a small amount of wax using a wax brush or rag, going in concentric circles, adding more as needed.

Allow to dry to a dull sheen, buff with lint free rag or buffing brush

Crystal Clear Patina

Great alternative to wax. Similar sheen.
Also works as a glaze medium.
Use for a color barrier between vibrant colors.
Decoupage Medium
Ink Transfer Gel Medium



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