



Granite – Decorative Technique

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Duplicating the look of natural Granite is very easy! Using two techniques – sponge painting and speckling, the simulated texture can appear so realistic people may have to touch it before they realize it's only a painting technique. The colors that are used in this process will simulate gray granite. You can use any color combination you like and suits your particular color scheme. This technique can be used on furniture, molding, outdoor planters, picture frames, columns or anything else you can find around the house.

Materials Checklist

**Note: Amounts given will cover
100-sq.ft. of surface.**

- 1-qt. of EZ-Kare Satin, #519, Tally Ho (green)
- 1 AccuFlo Brush
- Measuring Cup
- 1-qt. of EZ-Kare Satin, #1988, Fantasy Gray
- 1-qt. of EZ-Kare Satin, #722, Groundhog (brown)
- 1-qt. of EZ-Kare Satin, #2010, Wellington Gray
- 1-qt. EZ-Kare Flat Black
- 4 Mixing Paint Pots
- 4 Clean Sea Sponges
- 1 Old Toothbrush
- Newspaper or Paper Towels for Blotting
- 1 Craft or Popsicle Stick

Step 1: Paint the Surface

Apply a base coat of Tally Ho green to your surface and allow the paint to thoroughly dry.

Step 2: Apply Second Color

Measure about 1/2-cup of Fantasy Gray paint & pour it into the mixing paint pot. Add 1/2-cup water and stir well. Apply paint to the surface with a clean, damp sponge in an up and down motion. Blot the paint right away with another clean, damp sponge and allow it to thoroughly dry.

Step 3: Apply Third Color

The next paint color to apply, with a sponge, is Groundhog brown. Repeat Step 2 and allow it to thoroughly dry.

Step 4: Apply Fourth Color

Now apply Wellington Gray, with a sponge. Again repeat step 2 and allow it to thoroughly dry.



Note: Spinging

This will give the paint a slightly "mottled" effect. It will blend in with the base coat and give it a more transparent look. Each sponge must be clean or new. Remember to make sure the base coat shows through some of the layers to show depth.

(Steps 5-6 on back)

Step 5: Specking the Surface

Measure about 1/2-cup of the EZ-Kare Flat black paint, into a mixing paint pot, add 1/2-cup water and stir well. Dip the bristles of a toothbrush into the paint and blot once on a paper towel to prevent drips. Hold the brush next to the surface and run a craft stick (or your finger) along the top of the bristles. This will cause the paint to spatter on the surface. Don't press too hard, instead try to do it lightly against the surface.

Step 6: Apply Polyurethane

After the surface is thoroughly dry apply a thin coat of water-base polyurethane to protect the surface.

**Tip: Specking**

While your surface is drying, it's time to practice specking. You will need to put down newspapers or a drop cloth because specking is messy! Experiment with how fast to move the craft stick, or your finger, and how far you need to hold the brush from the surface to obtain the desired effect. Remember that too much paint on the brush will cause drips and runs.

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