



Faux Finishing: Antiquing

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Everything old is new again! There's a special technique that you can use to give the look of aging to a piece of furniture, cabinets, tables, planters or anything else you find around the house. This is accomplished with the application of a glaze that is usually earth-toned or darker in color. You can antique using lighter shades, but remember a light base coat needs a darker glaze, whereas a dark base coat should use a light glaze.

Step 1: Paint Your Project

Paint your project with flat paint because it is more porous and absorbs the glaze better. Then allow it to thoroughly dry.

Step 2: Mix Glaze

Measure 1/4-cup of the colored paint of your choice and 1 cup of neutral base into your mixing paint pot. Add a little water at a time and stir well each time. Add to the point where the glaze is a little on the runny side, but not too thin where it won't stick to your brush. The right consistency is important here – the base coat should show through the glaze for the final effect. You can double or triple the amounts mentioned, but it is easier to work with a small amount since it creates less waste.

Step 3: Apply Glaze

Brush the glaze on the surface, allowing it to collect in the cracks, crevices, and corners. The glaze should not be allowed to dry!



Tip: Only glaze one section at a time!

Step 4: Wipe Glaze

Dampen the lint-free cloth with water and begin wiping off the glaze. Throw away the cloths as they become wet. Work from the center, outward towards the corners. Remove as much or as little color as you wish. If you remove too much, apply more & start again!

Step 5: Dry and Apply Sealant

After the surface is thoroughly dry, apply water-base polyurethane for durability.

Materials Checklist

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

- 2 AccuFlo Synthetic brushes
- 1 quart EZ-Kare Flat finish paint for the base coat
- 1 quart of EZ-Kare Satin finish (your color choice)
- 1 quart EZ-Kare Satin finish neutral base
- Mixing paint pot
- Soft lint-free rags (torn sheets work well)
- Measuring cup
- Rags for cleaning up
- Stir sticks or paint paddles
- Water-base Cabot Stain Polyurethane