

# REPAIR MY UGLY CONCRETE

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE ANYTHING STRONGER THAN CONCRETE, BUT WE DID, AND THAT'S OUR CONCRETE OVERLAY! NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE HIGHER COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH THAN THAT OF CONCRETE ITSELF; IT WILL ALSO MAKE OLD, WEATHERED SURFACES LOOK BRAND NEW WITHOUT THE HASSLE OR EXPENSE OF REPLACEMENT. USE THESE THREE SIMPLE-TO-USE PRODUCTS TO GIVE YOUR EXISTING CONCRETE AN INSTANT FACE LIFT - AND AN ATTITUDE TO MATCH!



DIFFICULTY RATING



1-2-3 PREP • RESURFACE • SEAL

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN THIS PROJECT, PLEASE REVIEW ALL OF THE MATERIALS AND TOOLS REQUIRED TO ENSURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT.**

## MATERIALS:

- (1) SCR CLEANER/DEGREASER (1 GAL)
- (2) SUREBROOM BROOMABLE OVERLAY (50 LB BAG)
- (1) BRIGHT SEAL WB WATER-BASED ACRYLIC (1 GAL)

## TOOL KIT:

- (1) 1-GALLON PLASTIC PUMP-UP SPRAYER
- (1) 9" PAINT TRAY
- (1) 9" ROLLER FRAME/COVER
- (1) MIXING PADDLE
- (1) LATEX GLOVES
- (1) SAFETY GLASSES
- (1) 2" PAINTER'S TAPE
- (1) 3" PUTTY KNIFE/SCRAPER
- (1) 5-GALLON BUCKET
- (1) 14" MAGIC TROWEL/FLOOR SQUEEGEE
- (1) 12" SCRUB BRUSH
- (1) FINISH BROOM
- (1) EXTENDABLE BRUSH/ROLLER/BROOM HANDLE

## STEP 1: PREP & CLEAN

1. REMOVE ANY LEAVES, TWIGS, ROCK OR OTHER LOOSE PARTICLES FROM THE SURFACE WITH A LEAF BLOWER OR BROOM.
2. CLEAN THE SURFACE USING A PRESSURE WASHER (3000 PSI), OR A GARDEN HOSE AND STIFF BRISTLE BRUSH, TO REMOVE ANY DIRT OR ACCUMULATED GRIME.
3. CONSIDER PROTECTING ANY FINISH SURFACES NEAR THE PROJECT BY USING 48" MASKING FILM AND BLUE PAINTER'S TAPE TO SECURE THE FILM TO SURROUNDING SURFACES.
4. TAPE OFF EXPANSION JOINTS THAT HAVE FOAM OR FELT BOARD IN THE JOINT WITH PAINTER'S TAPE TO ENSURE THE SUREBROOM PRODUCT DOES NOT COAT THIS MATERIAL...IT WILL EVENTUALLY FLAKE OFF OTHERWISE.
5. FOR MINOR CRACKS, YOU CAN MIX UP A SMALL AMOUNT OF SUREBROOM TO A STIFF, PEANUT BUTTER CONSISTENCY AND SPREAD THAT MATERIAL OVER THE CRACK. LIGHTLY DAMPEN THE SURFACE AND WORK THE MATERIAL INTO THE CRACK USING A PLASTIC SPATULA OR SMALL TROWEL. SCRAPE EXCESS MATERIAL OFF SO IT DOESN'T SHOW UP UNDERNEATH THE FINISH.

## SCR CLEANER/DEGREASER (1 GAL)

1. MIX 1:1 WITH WATER AND POUR INTO A PUMP-UP SPRAYER
2. SPRAY ACROSS ENTIRE SURFACE AND USE A STIFF BRISTLE BRUSH TO WORK THE MATERIAL DOWN INTO THE SUBSTRATE.
3. ENSURE THE SURFACE REMAINS PARTIALLY DAMP DURING THE PROCESS TO ALLOW FOR GOOD PENETRATION.
4. NEUTRALIZE THE SURFACE WITH WATER AND THOROUGHLY RINSE OFF THE CONCRETE AND ALLOW TO DRY.



THIN LAYER OF MATERIAL IN THE JOINT, HOWEVER NOT FILL THEM UP.

5. ONCE THE BASE COAT HAS DRIED SUFFICIENTLY THAT YOU CANNOT PRESS INTO IT WITH YOUR FINGERNAIL, SCRAPE OFF ANY HIGH OR THICK SPOTS WITH A SCRAPER OR RUBBING BRICK.
6. WAIT 4-6 HOURS AND APPLY SECOND COAT. REMEMBER TO MIX AT 6.5 QUARTS OF WATER PER 50 LB BAG OF SUREBROOM.
7. IF A BROOM FINISH IS DESIRED, SPREAD THE MATERIAL WITH A BROOM, FINISHING WITH A CONSISTENT NORTH-SOUTH OR EAST-WEST PATTERN TO ACHIEVE A UNIFORM BROOM FINISH.
8. PUSH EXCESS MATERIAL OFF EDGES AND DISPOSE OF.
9. LET DRY OVERNIGHT.

## STEP 2: REPAIR SUREBROOM BROOMABLE OVERLAY (50 LB BAG)

1. WATER DEMANDS FOR SUREBROOM WILL VARY BASED ON APPLICATION AND DESIRED TEXTURE. APPROXIMATE WATER DEMAND FOR A 50 LB BAG IS 4 QUARTS FOR THE BASE COAT AND 6.5 QUARTS FOR THE BROOM COAT.
2. COMBINE WATER AND SUREBROOM IN A CLEAN BUCKET AND MIX USING AN ELECTRIC DRILL EQUIPPED WITH A MIXING PADDLE FOR TWO MINUTES. ADD WATER AS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE A THICK PAINT CONSISTENCY. WHEN THOROUGHLY MIXED, ALLOW MATERIAL TO SIT FOR A FEW MINUTES TO FULLY ACTIVATE BEFORE APPLYING.
3. SCRAPE OFF ANY MATERIAL THAT IS CLINGING TO THE EDGES OF THE BUCKET AS IT COULD INTERFERE WITH CONSISTENCY OF THE MATERIAL AND QUALITY OF APPLICATION, AND THEN MIX FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 SECONDS.
4. LIGHTLY DAMPEN THE SUBSTRATE WITH WATER AND APPLY SUREBROOM USING A MAGIC TROWEL. ENSURE A SMOOTH EVEN COAT, PUSHING EXCESS MATERIAL OFF EDGES AND CLEANING UP AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED APPLYING THE BASE COAT. ALSO BE SURE TO BRUSH THE MATERIAL OUT OF THE CONTROL JOINTS AS YOU GO. YOU SHOULD STRIVE TO GET A UNIFORM,



## STEP 3: SEAL/PROTECT BRIGHT SEAL WB WATER-BASED ACRYLIC (1 GAL)

1. POUR MATERIAL INTO A CLEAN ROLLER PAN.
2. CUT IN ALONG EDGES USING A SMALL ROLLER OR BRUSH TO CREATE A CLEAN LINE AND AVOID MATERIAL GETTING ONTO SURROUNDING SURFACES.
3. USE A TRADITIONAL 9" ROLLER TO APPLY MATERIAL UNIFORMLY OVER THE REMAINDER OF THE SURFACE. ENSURE THERE ARE NO MISSED SPOTS, OR AREAS OF HEAVY ACCUMULATION OR PUDDLES.
4. ALLOW TO DRY AND APPLY SECOND COAT.
5. ALLOW TO DRY.



## NEED MORE HELP?

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