



Blake & Taylor
— Chalk —
FURNITURE PAINT

BEGINNERS GUIDE

WHAT IS BLAKE & TAYLOR CHALK FURNITURE PAINT

Welcome to Blake & Taylor chalk furniture painting! This guide will take you step by step through the painting process. We'll help you create something beautiful that you will treasure for years to come.

Blake & Taylor Paint is a wonderfully easy decorative paint, used to update furniture and other homeware items. Our eco-friendly paint has a natural chalky texture allowing it to adhere to many different surfaces with minimal prep. No need to strip your furniture of varnish or old paint, it provides an excellent, beautiful and silky matt finish. It can be used on wood, metal, brick, concrete, wicker, laminate, fabric and more! It is durable, low-odor, and easy to clean up with soap and water. This makes it a versatile option for furniture upcycling.



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WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE BLAKE & TAYLOR CHALK FURNITURE PAINT ?

- All our paint is made in Australia
- We use the highest quality ingredients giving our paint superior quality
- Easy application with a buttery smooth texture
- Low V.O.C meaning no nasty smelly chemicals
- Quick drying and water-based
- Perfect for creating a variety of different paint finishes
- Great coverage - 1 litre covers an approximate area of 10 -14m²



WHY SHOULD YOU UPCYCLE RATHER THAN BUY NEW?

♻️ You'll be helping the environment and preventing old pieces from ending up in landfill

💰 Save your money and don't buy new. You might even make extra money restoring furniture and selling it on to others

🎨 Be your own artist. Create your own style that reflects your personality, choosing your own colour palette

❤️ Enjoy the satisfaction of creating something you love





WHERE TO START

Before you begin you'll have to gather some ideas, an item you'd like to paint and some basic tools. Plus Blake & Taylor Paint of course!

Ideas

- Create a mood board to gather inspiration
- Look at magazines, Pinterest and Instagram
- Choose a colour palette

Find your Furniture

- Family heirlooms
- Thrift stores
- Facebook Marketplace
- Antique Shops
- Flea Markets



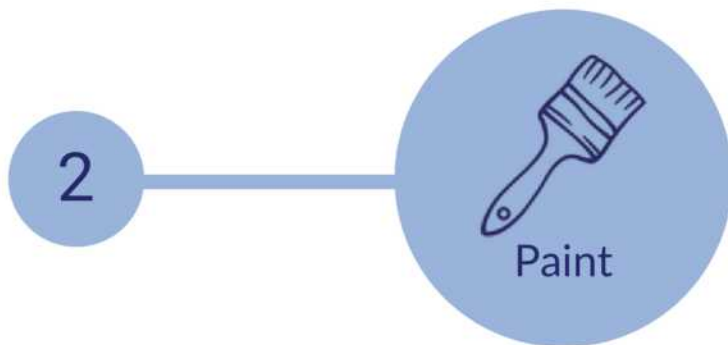
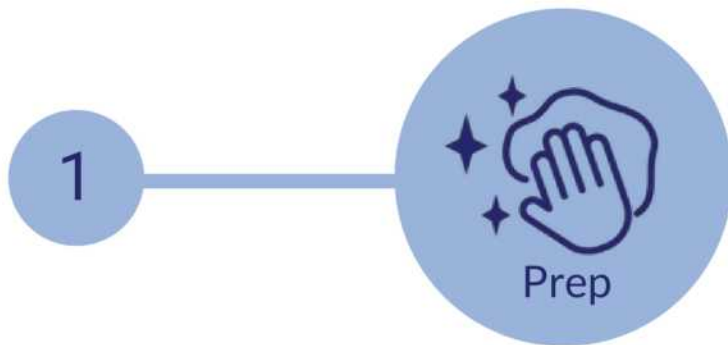
Basic Tools

- Cleaner, such as sugar soap or methylated spirit
- Sandpaper
- Paintbrushes, roller, applicator sponge
- Paint Stirrers, paint tin opener
- Masking Tape
- Rags



BLAKE & TAYLOR PAINT

EASY AS 1,2,3



Making sure your piece is clean is the most important step. Your item should be free of all loose and flaking old paint, dirt and grease/oil. We recommend cleaning with a sugar soap solution or methylated spirit. See our prep guide below for more detail.

Generally 2 coats will be needed depending on the piece you have chosen.

Chalk Furniture Paint is naturally porous with a matt finish and therefore requires added protection to prevent marking. You can choose from either Blake & Taylor Wax or our Clear Top Coat

PREPARING YOUR FURNITURE FOR PAINTING

In most cases a good clean and a light scuff sand is all that is required. Use your preferred cleaner, such as Sugar Soap or Methylated Spirit to give your piece a thorough wipe down inside and out. Now is the time to do any repairs, fill any holes and remove all your hardware.



Tip

Make sure to number all your drawers and hardware so you know where they go. Sometimes old pieces need the components put back exactly where they were before. You can also store your hardware in a zip lock bag so you don't misplace them.

WHAT ABOUT SANDING?

There is no need for heavy sanding, however a 'scuff' sand is advised. A general rule to work by is the more shiny the surface, the more of a need to scuff sand. A scuff sand means lightly sanding your piece by hand or sander with a 180-200 grit paper to give the surface a little extra tooth and to smooth away any imperfections on the surface. Clean after sanding.

There is no need to strip your furniture right back to the raw timber and remove all the varnish unless the surface is flaking. This is the same for previously painted surfaces. However if you think the paint is lead based, which it could be with old pieces of furniture before 1972, DO NOT SAND. Lead paint is safe to touch but you don't want to inhale paint dust. Seek the help of a professional to strip back or you can seal the existing surface ready to paint. Lead test kits are also available if you are not sure.

DO I NEED TO PRIME?

Most of the time priming when using Chalk Furniture Paint is not necessary. However, there may be some circumstances where you will need to protect your surface from tannin bleed through with raw timber or if you have filled holes and done repairs to your piece. Bleed through occurs when certain tannins in the wood leach through the paint and cause discolouration or stains on the surface. Tannin rich timbers such as mahogany, teak, rosewood and oak can bleed through, so it is always best to use a stain blocker to prevent leaching. If you are not sure, do a patch test.

You may also find it helpful to prime if you are working with a dark surface and have chosen to paint it a light colour.

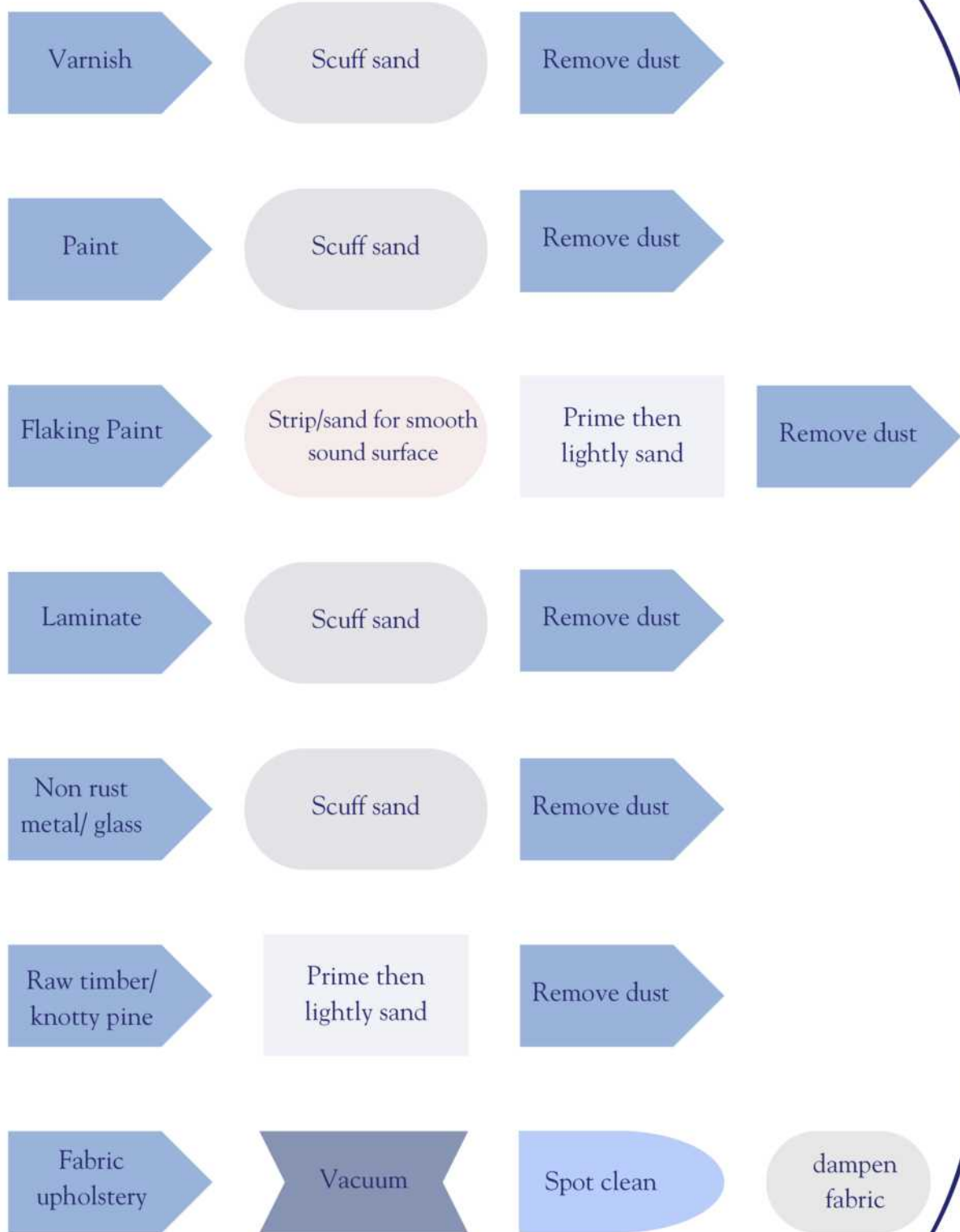
Priming, especially when working with lighter colours can help with coverage on your first couple of coats .

DO I NEED TO STRIP MY PIECE?

If the existing paint or varnish is peeling or flaking you will need to remove it. Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paint needs a sound, clean base to adhere to and if the previous layer of paint is not stable our paint will not stick efficiently.

QUICK PREP CHECK

STEP ONE - ALWAYS CLEAN



PAINT & PROTECT

Scuff sand using 180 -200 grit sand paper

Use a finer grade paper to sand after priming and between coats of paint for a smooth finish

Prime when painting raw timber and knotty pine that will leach tannins. You may also like to prime after filling holes and repairs, or if you are painting dark surfaces a light colour.

Use a water-based stain/block primer or shellac

Any surface with gloss or shine prefers a scuff sand to create more texture for the paint to adhere to

APPLYING BLAKE & TAYLOR CHALK FURNITURE PAINT

Give your tin of paint a good shake. Stir the chalk furniture paint well with a paint stick, making sure there are no contents sitting on the bottom of the can.

You can use a brush or roller to apply your paint in even strokes, going in the direction of the wood grain.

Apply thin coats, never overload your brush with paint. Let it dry fully before applying your next coat. If you re-coat too early you might drag off wet layers of paint underneath, and this will cause the surface to be patchy. Sand very lightly between coats with a fine grade sandpaper for a beautiful smooth finish

Generally 2 coats will be enough, however you may need more depending on the colour you have chosen and the piece you are painting.



SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE PAINT TIPS

1

Comfort

You want to be comfortable when painting so lift your piece onto a table if it is not too heavy. A table with wheels is great as you can spin it around! Alternatively you can use a furniture moving dollie. These little gadgets make moving your furniture around really easy.

2

Mist your brush

We know our good quality, synthetic bristle brushes work great with Blake & Taylor Chalk Paint. There is nothing more annoying than bristles dropping from the brush and drying in your paint. A top tip of ours is to mist your paintbrush with water, using a spray bottle before painting. This gives the bristles a little bit of moisture without drenching the paintbrush.

3

Glad wrap or damp cloth

If you've started painting and you need to take a break for a while, simply wrap your brush in some glad wrap or a damp cloth to stop it drying out.



4

Brush rotation

Our paint dries quickly so you might find that your brush starts to dry further up towards the ferrule whilst you are painting. We like to have two brushes on the go so you can wash and rotate them. As soon as you find your brush is becoming a little dry further up on the bristles, throw it in some water and give it a good clean, then leave it out to dry. Grab your second brush, spritz with some water and off you go. By the time this one has started to dry out, you can repeat the process and grab the clean brush you left drying from before. Hey presto, brush rotation.

5

Prevent paint drips

Check for paint drips forming. This can happen if you are loading your brush with too much paint (remember thin coats are best) or, if a loaded brush scrapes along a sharp edge, for example the straight edge of a table leg. If you are not paying attention this can cause your paint to run and you don't want it to dry. Just do a quick check every once in a while and scoop up those drips with your brush if you spot them.





SEALING AND PROTECTING YOUR PROJECT

Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paint dries with a matt porous finish and therefore requires added protection to prevent marking and chipping. You can use either Blake & Taylor Wax or Clear Top Coat

Blake & Taylor Wax

Wax is considered to be the more traditional way to seal and protect your Chalk Furniture Paint. Using Blake & Taylor Natural Beeswax will give you a clear, matt finish after curing for 7 - 14 days. Ideally it will need to be reconditioned every 6 -12 months to maintain protection. Available in Natural, White and Soft Black to achieve a variety of different effects.

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Wax can be applied with either a brush, our sponge applicator or a lint free cloth.

2

Working in small sections apply a small amount of wax in a circular sweeping motion over the paint.

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Remove any excess with a lint free cloth. The paint colour will darken slightly in the areas where wax has been applied.

4

Continue in sections until the entire surface has been waxed. If you prefer a matt finish simply allow the wax to dry overnight and repeat if a second coat is needed, do not buff.

5

If you prefer a slightly satin finish, allow to dry for 30mins - 1 hour and then buff the surface with a soft lint free cloth to get a smooth surface. For more durability a second coat of wax can be applied but wait at least 8 hours between coats. Allow to cure for 7 - 14 days.

CLEAR TOP COAT SATIN FINISH



Blake & Taylor Clear Top Coat provides the most durable finish and is recommended for high traffic areas and items such as table tops and bedsides, which are used more regularly. This clear satin finish protects and seals your paint to prevent marks and chipping. Blake & Taylor Clear Top Coat is water-based and this makes it less likely to yellow over time, compared to other oil based products. Clear Top Coat will not need to be redone in the future like the wax. Allow to fully cure for 7 - 14 days.

Application - Brush

Stir the tin gently with a paint stick to avoid creating air bubbles. Don't overload your paintbrush to prevent excessive dripping or pooling. Use thin coats and do not overwork the area to prevent streaks. Apply in long strokes in a flowing action so that brushstrokes disappear, following the natural lines of the surface. Allow to dry fully before repeating the application process if needed for a more durable finish.

Application - Roller

A 5mm microfibre roller is best for CTC application. Pour a sufficient amount of CTC into a paint tray for easy access. Dip the roller into the CTC and roll it back and forth to evenly distribute the CTC on the roller. Be careful not to overload the roller to prevent excessive dripping or pooling. Start at one edge of the surface and work your way in a smooth, overlapping motion. Roll the CTC onto the surface using light to medium pressure. Ensure even coverage by maintaining a consistent speed and direction while rolling. Avoid excessive pressure, as it may create air bubbles or streaks. Maintain a wet edge by slightly overlapping each section with the previously coated area.

Application - Sponge

Load the sponge applicator. Dip the sponge applicator into the CTC, allowing it to absorb an adequate amount. Avoid saturating the sponge to prevent excessive dripping or pooling. Apply the CTC starting at one edge of the surface and work your way in a smooth, overlapping motion. Gently press the sponge onto the surface, applying an even layer of CTC. Use light, long straight strokes. Ensure even coverage by maintaining a consistent pressure and speed while applying the CTC. Maintain a wet edge by slightly overlapping each section with the previously coated area.

Tips for Clear Top Coat

- If desired, lightly sand the dried coated surface with a very fine-grit sandpaper between coats to remove any imperfections or bumps. Wipe away any dust with a clean, dry cloth before proceeding.
- Clean your brush, roller or sponge immediately after use with soapy water to prevent your tools from drying out and becoming hard.
- Keep an eye out for drips forming, along edges and pooling in carved detail. Wipe away with a paintbrush before it has a chance to dry.

CARING FOR YOUR CHALK PAINTED FURNITURE

After spending time and effort to paint your item with Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paint, it's important to know how to clean and care for it properly. We recommend using a soft cloth and mild soap to clean your furniture. Avoid using abrasive or harsh cleaning products that can damage the paint. To maintain your furniture's finish, we suggest applying a coat of wax every six months if this was your chosen method to seal. There is no need to re-coat if you have used Clear Top Coat. With proper care, your chalk painted furniture will look beautiful for years to come!



Our biggest tip.....

HAVE FUN!



SHARE YOUR NEWLY PAINTED FURNITURE WITH US

We love seeing what you have created, so share your pictures with us! You might just inspire someone else to pick up a paintbrush when they see how easy it is to transform your first piece of furniture.



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