



Blake & Taylor

— Chalk —

FURNITURE PAINT

DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE

# GUIDE TO THE DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE WITH BLAKE & TAYLOR CHALK FURNITURE PAINT

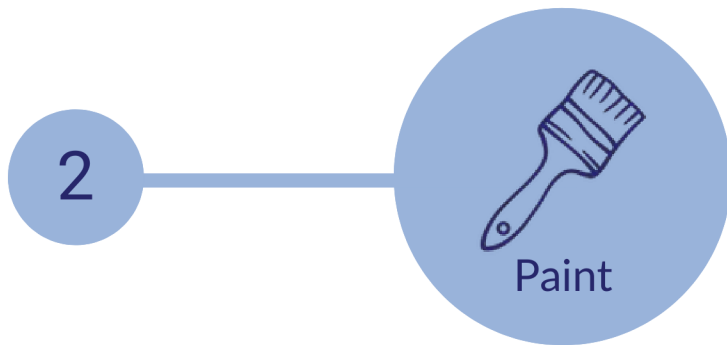
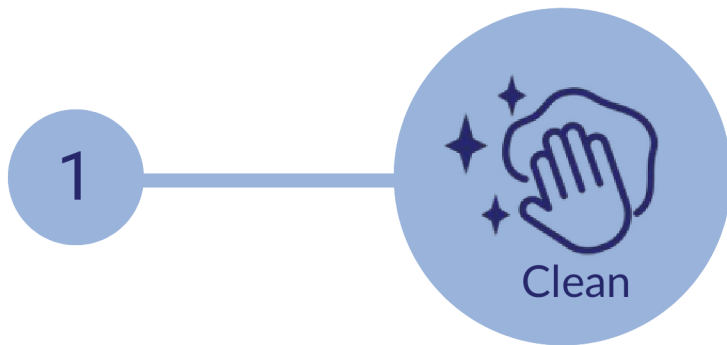
Blake & Taylor Paint is a wonderfully easy decorative paint, that adheres to many different surfaces with minimal prep. It can be used on wood, metal, brick, concrete, wicker, laminate, fabric and more! It is durable, low-odour, and easy to clean up with soap and water. This makes it a versatile option for homeware items as well as furniture.

Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paint allows for many different paint techniques, styles and looks. If you want to add character, depth, and a touch of vintage charm to your chalk-painted furniture, then the dry brush technique is a perfect choice to highlight timber carving details. It allows you to create a beautifully weathered and distressed appearance with minimal effort.

Chalk Furniture Paint is the perfect partner for dry brushing due to its matte finish and excellent adhesion properties. It readily accepts the dry brush technique, making it an ideal choice for achieving various distressed effects.



# 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

Choose your desired paint technique. The number of coats and the application process will differ depending on the style of painting and the colour you choose

Chalk Furniture Paint is naturally porous with a matt finish and therefore requires added protection. Whichever technique you choose you will need to seal with Blake & Taylor Wax or our Clear Top Coat



# Blake & Taylor Dry Brush Technique

Dry brushing is a painting technique that involves using a nearly dry brush to apply a minimal amount of paint to a surface, usually to highlight a carving detail. This method allows the underlying texture and colour to show through, creating a distressed, vintage, or weathered appearance.





# GATHER YOUR MATERIALS

## *You Will Need*

- Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paint (base colour)
- A secondary Chalk Furniture Paint colour (for dry brushing)
- Paintbrushes
- Sandpaper (optional)
- Blake & Taylor Wax or Clear Top Coat to finish
- Clean, lint-free rags



# DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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### *Clean*

Follow the usual steps to make sure the piece you are painting is clean, free from any dirt and grease or any flaking paint

2

### *Apply your first colour*

Using a brush or roller depending on the piece you are painting. For this guide we have chosen a brush for easier application into the wood carving. Allow the paint to dry completely. You may need a second coat.



# DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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### *Choose Your Colour*

Think carefully about your second colour and the look you want to achieve. Two soft colours will create less contrast and have a more subtle appearance. Two colours that highly contrast will create a bolder look

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### *Lightly Load your Brush*

Dip the tips of your paintbrush into the secondary paint colour, ensuring you have only a small amount of paint on the bristles.





# DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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### *Remove excess paint*

Wipe off most of the secondary paint onto a clean rag or paper towel. The goal is to have a nearly dry brush.



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### *Apply*

Gently and lightly dust the brush over the surface of your piece. Focus on raised edges, corners, and areas that would naturally wear over time. Allow the base colour to show through. Use controlled, swift strokes.



# DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE



For a more intense distressed look, repeat your dry brush application gradually building up the colour. Remember, it's easier to add more paint than to remove excess.

## *Sanding*

You may also want to experiment at this stage with some sanding and distressing techniques. Rub your sandpaper over carving details, edges or any areas you would like the appearance of age and wear.



# PROTECT

## *Choose Wax or Clear Top Coat*

Once you are happy with the result, you will need to protect and seal your paint with either our wax or Clear Top Coat. The look and style of your piece might determine which option is best. Take a look at our other 'wax application' guides to help you decide

Soft Black Wax might be a good option if you want to enhance the antique or aged look. It's often used to highlight crevices, corners, and carving details, giving the piece a rich, weathered appearance, great for vintage and rustic styles.





# DRY BRUSH TECHNIQUE



*Before*



*After*



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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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