



Blake & Taylor
— Chalk —
FURNITURE PAINT
PAINT TECHNIQUES

DISTRESSED FINISH

DIFFERENT PAINT TECHNIQUES WITH BLAKE & TAYLOR CHALK FURNITURE PAINT

Blake & Taylor Chalk Paint offers versatility for many diverse painting techniques. Its versatility makes it sought after by artists and DIY enthusiasts alike. Blake & Taylor Paint offers many techniques that transform surfaces into something new and exciting. From a silky-smooth finish to crafting a rustic distressed look or even applying delicate washes, Blake & Taylor Paint is a transformative medium that opens doors to a world of artistic exploration. You can create any style, from modern minimalism to rustic charm, adding character and history to any item. Our water-based paint makes it an ideal medium for creating delicate washes allowing you to craft subtle, translucent layers. It's adaptability extends to various materials, from wood and metal to fabrics and glass. The paint's ability to adhere well to multiple surfaces allows you to experiment and create across a diverse range of mediums. We'll show you in our step-by-step guides some of our favourite paint techniques



WHAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING YOUR PAINT TECHNIQUE?

- The style of furniture. If it is vintage it may suit a more aged/distressed look
- Does it have carving details? Light sanding and distressing, may help to bring out the details
- Do you want to use more than one colour? Layering different paint colours might work
- Consider your style. Are you more modern? Choose smooth. Are you more beach? Try paint washes? Are you rustic? Try distressing.



MINIMAL
PREP



NON TOXIC
VOC FREE



WATER
BASED



PREMIUM
QUALITY



QUICK
DRY

WHERE TO START

Consider your style and the type of decor you love. Is it going to be a functional piece or more decorative? Research some common styles.

Ideas

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

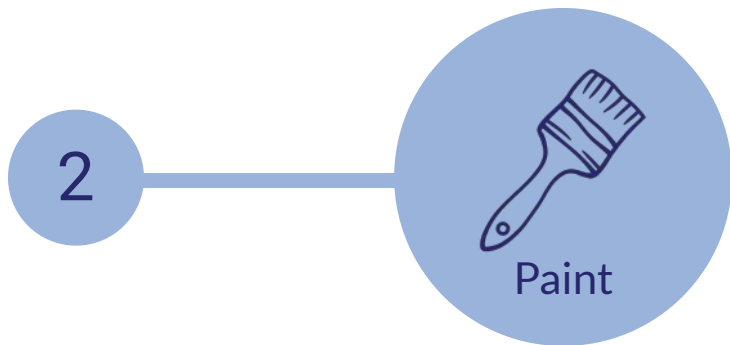
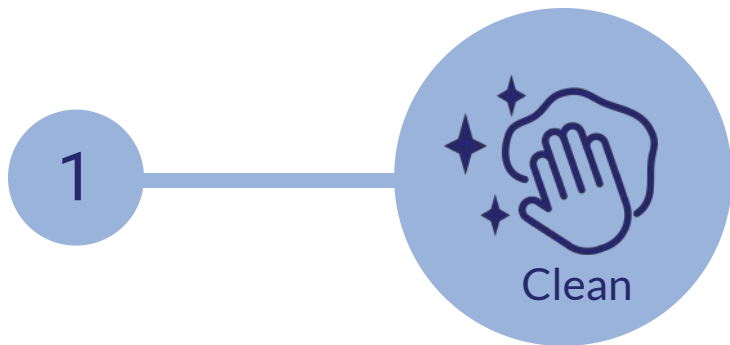
Find your Furniture

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

Styles to Consider

- Rustic
- Modern
- French Provincial
- Industrial
- Shabby Chic
- Hamptons
- Boho
- Scandinavian

BLAKE & TAYLOR PAINT EASY AS 1, 2, 3



Whether your surface is plain timber or painted, you must make sure the surface is clean and dry.

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

DISTRESSED FINISH

The distressed finish is ideal for vintage pieces of furniture with carving details or if you want to create a look of ageing to a modern piece. Great for a rustic feel by introducing patina and a sense of history to your furniture.



STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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What you will need

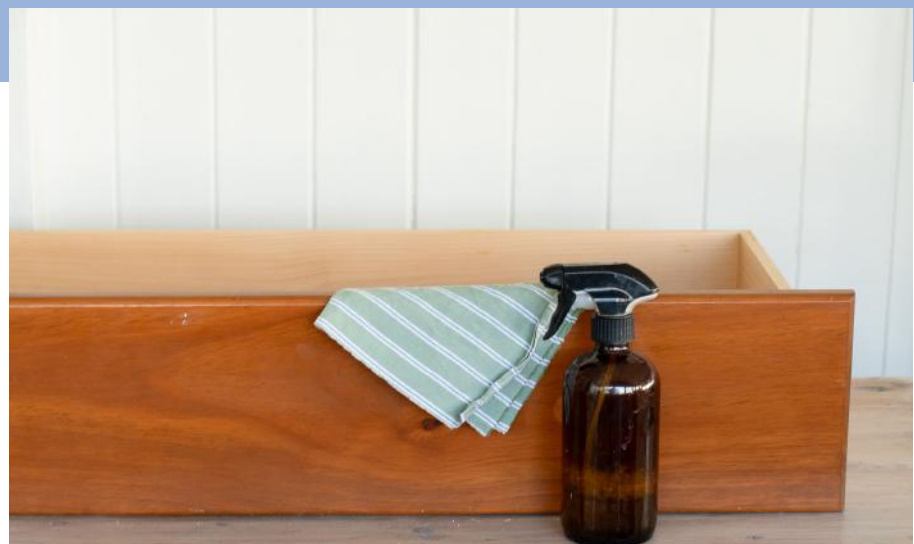
- Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paints
- Blake & Taylor Wax
- Synthetic or natural bristle brushes
- Cleaning spray or methylated spirits
- Rags
- Applicator Sponge or lint free cloth
- Sandpapers - medium grade and fine grade



2

Prep

Follow the usual steps to clean your piece thoroughly with a suitable cleaning spray or methylated spirit to remove all dirt and grease.



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Apply Your First Colour

Give your paint a good stir. Load the paintbrush with paint but make sure it not overloaded or too thick. We are using two different colours to create this distressed finish. For this look we want more texture and visible brush marks, so you can paint in every direction without being too fussy about a smooth application. Allow to dry before applying your next coat.



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Apply Your Second Colour

Choose a different Blake & Taylor paint colour from your first. Be mindful of which two colours you choose. We have decided to paint with layer one, Ink Navy and layer two, French Blue. This means that in the final stages of sanding and distressing, some of that beautiful Ink Navy colour will peep through. If you choose two very similar colours the effect will be subtle and less noticeable.

Apply your second colour the same way as the first and allow to fully dry.



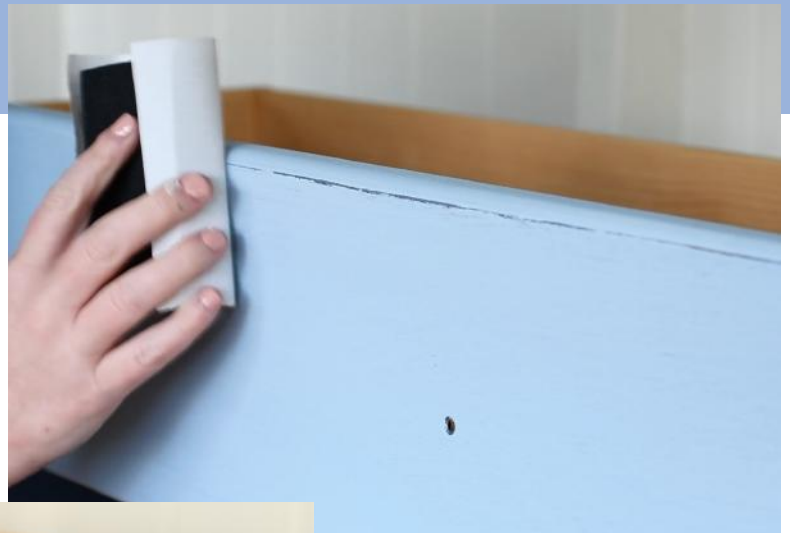
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Sanding and Distressing

Start with a medium grade sandpaper to gently sand away the second layer of paint, revealing the colour underneath. Begin with light pressure and experiment with how much paint you want to remove. You may even like to sand back further to reveal some of the original timber. A finer sandpaper can be used for more control and in areas where you want to remove less paint. Edges and corners will be easier to sand, so use less pressure. Flat surfaces will need a little more work. You will notice the pattern of the brush marks starting to be revealed.

Wipe away any sanding dust with a cloth before the final stage of wax application.



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Apply Your Wax

Once you are happy with the amount of distressing and the look of your piece, it will need to be sealed and protected. Using wax will give you a more matt finish which goes well with this type of rustic look.

You may even like to experiment with our different coloured waxes to create more ageing and texture.

1

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.

3

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.

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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.



TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Experiment with your colour choices, layering strong bolder colours together

Try a variety of different tools to distress, like steel wool or even chip off some of the paint for a more worn, aged look.

Try ageing further by using our Soft Black Wax



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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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