



# Blake & Taylor

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## Chalk

FURNITURE PAINT

**PAINT TECHNIQUES**

SMOOTH 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

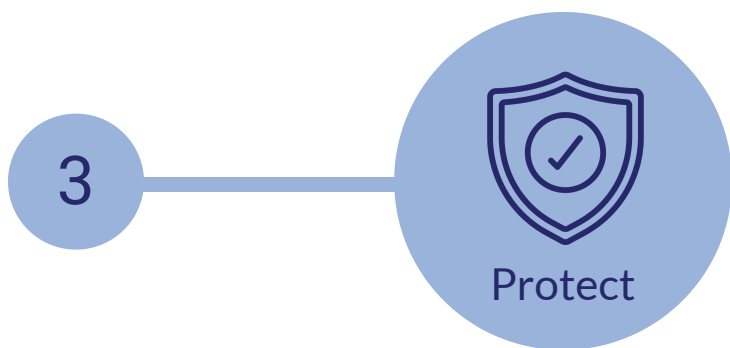
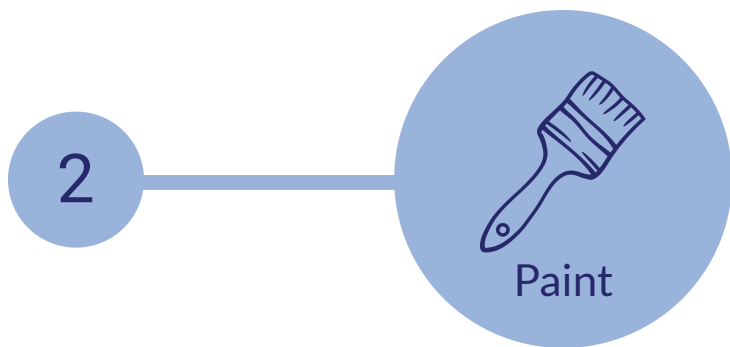
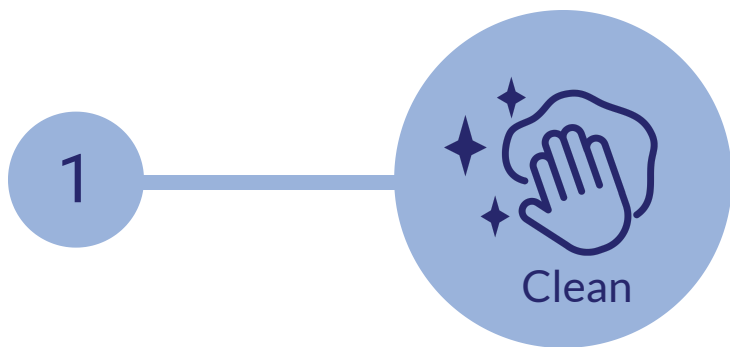
- Family heirlooms
- Thrift stores
- Facebook Marketplace
- Antique Shops
- Flea Markets

## 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

# SMOOTH FINISH

The smooth finish is one of the most popular choices for modern interiors and furniture. The key to a sleek modern look is to avoid brush marks and to achieve a 'spray like' finish to your work. With this step by step guide we will show you how to get the smoothest possible finish without an expensive spray gun!



# STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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## What you will need

- Blake & Taylor Chalk Furniture Paint
- Blake & Taylor Clear Top Coat
- 25mm synthetic brush
- 10mm & 5mm nap microfibre mini roller
- Paint tray
- Aluminium Foil
- Sponge Applicator
- Wood Filler
- Cleaner
- Rags
- Sandpapers - medium grade and fine grade
- Wet/dry fine sanding sponge



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## Prep

To ensure the smoothest finish you must make sure that you clean thoroughly and remove any dirt or grease by spraying and wiping your piece. You will need to fill any holes or scratches with a suitable wood filler and allow this to dry. Once dry you can give the piece a light sand by hand with a medium grade sandpaper, followed by a fine grade. This will smooth out the filler and any remaining flaws in the surface.





# STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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## Load your Roller

Give your paint a good stir. Line a paint tray with aluminium foil. This makes for easy clean up and also ensures no flecks of previous dried paint attach to your roller. Pour a small amount of paint into the lined tray. Using a 10mm or 5mm nap microfibre roller, load the roller with paint by moving back and forth, dipping into the paint making sure the roller is coated but not overloaded. Thin coats of paint will produce a better, smoother finish.



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## Painting

Ready to roll! Use long even strokes working in the direction of the grain, along the full length of the surface. Keep a "wet edge" as you work. This means that you should roll the next section of paint into the previously painted area while it's still wet. This prevents visible lap marks where one section dries before the next is applied. To finish try 'laying off' your paint to get a smooth finish. Keep a light touch; you're not applying pressure, and just skim the roller across the surface. Work in sections, overlapping strokes slightly to ensure uniform coverage and a consistent finish. Allow to thoroughly dry before re-coating.

Use a 25mm synthetic brush to reach any tricky areas that the roller cannot get to, like carving details or edges.



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## Sand between Coats

Sanding between coats removes imperfections, smooths out brush or roller marks, and prepares the surface for the next coat. Using a fine grade, wet/dry sandpaper sponge will give you the smoothest result. Following the manufacturers instructions, wet your sanding sponge by submerging it in water and let it soak for a minute or two. Remove and squeeze it to release excess water. The sponge should be damp but not dripping. Gently rub the wet sanding sponge over the painted surface using very light pressure. Always move the sponge in a circular or back-and-forth motion, following the grain of the surface, if applicable. Periodically stop and wipe away the dust with a clean, damp cloth or rag. Be patient and avoid excessive pressure, as you don't want to remove too much paint or damage the underlying surface. Wipe the surface dry with a clean, lint-free cloth or rag. Clean the wet sanding sponge thoroughly with water and leave to dry.

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## Clear Top Coat

Once you have recoated and your paint is dry, then it is ready to seal and protect with Clear Top Coat. For a smooth streak free finish you can use either a 5mm nap microfibre roller or our sponge applicator. Both will give you a beautiful smooth streak free finish. Remember thin coats are best, do not overload your tools.

**Roller** - Line the tray with aluminium foil and pour out a small amount of Clear Top Coat. Dip the roller into the Top Coat and distribute evenly. Use the same technique as you did with your paint using long even strokes working in the direction of the grain along the full length of the surface. Keep a "wet edge" as you work. 'Lay off' at the end of each section painted. Do not overwork to avoid patchy drying.

**Applicator Sponge** - 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.

If applying more than one layer of Clear Top Coat allow it to dry thoroughly before re-coating. Wet sanding between your coats will ensure a smooth finish.

# TIPS & TECHNIQUES

If applying more than one layer of Clear Top Coat allow it to dry thoroughly before re-coating. Wet sanding between your coats will ensure a smooth finish.

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



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FURNITURE  
PAINT IN A  
SPRAY GUN!





## 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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