



CHARLESTON LIMEWASH LIMEWASH APPLICATION

Charleston Limewash has been formulated with traditional foundations as a base to our time-tested Lime finishes. For our Limewash, we use a traditional mixture of slacked lime putty, water, and all natural pigments to color the solution. Limewash sets slowly by absorbing carbon dioxide in the air, producing calcite crystals that create a soft surface glow. True Limewash effects are often strived for, but never achieved with faux finishes. Charleston Limewash provides a long lasting, unique finish.

Surfaces: Limewash can be applied to interior & exterior:

- Masonry Surfaces** -
- Stucco
 - Brick
 - Stone
 - Cement Board
 - Plaster

Previously painted surfaces — Universal primer is required!

Limewash is not recommended for use over oil based paints & stains unless first treated with a universal primer.

Preparation: Before you begin, ensure that the surface is free of contaminants and loose debris. Prepare your painting area, and gather your safety materials.

Coverage: 1 Pint of concentrate covers approximately 65-85 square feet.

Dilution: Limewash is shipped in a concentrated form. The Limewash putty received, should be mixed well, then diluted with 100% - 200% water before application to your desired consistency for the effect that you are trying to achieve.

Concentrate	100% Water Dilution Makes	200% Water Dilution Makes
1 Pint	2 Pints	3 Pints
1 Quart	2 Quarts	3 Quarts
1 Gallon	2 Gallon	3 Gallons
2.5 Gallons	5 Gallons	7.5 Gallons
5 Gallons	10 Gallons	15 Gallons



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- Utilization:** **Unpainted Masonry Surfaces -**
1. **IMPORTANT:** Mix the Limewash putty thoroughly (in original container provided) **BEFORE** diluting with water, according to the directions listed below.
 2. Dampen the surface. The use of a misting sprayer is preferred.
 3. An all-purpose paint brush is recommended for use when applying Limewash. For large exterior areas, a 4" or wider brush is recommended.
 4. **IMPORTANT: DO NOT USE A ROLLER OR SPONGE TO APPLY LIMEWASH**
 5. Apply the Limewash according to the application instructions listed below.
 6. When applying Limewash, a random brushstroke is recommended.
 7. Allow 24 hours of drying time between coats.
 8. Continue to apply the Limewash in coats until you achieve your desired effect.
 - 1 coat - glaze / translucent finish
 - 2 coats - semi-opaque / semi-solid finish
 - 3 coats - opaque / solid finish

Previously Painted Surfaces - Universal primer is required!

1. If applying to a surface previously coated with an oil based paint or stain, first apply a universal primer. Let dry.
2. Mix the Limewash thoroughly according to the mixing directions listed below.
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- Mixing:**
1. When mixing Limewash, wear appropriate eye protection and gloves. Refer to the included SDS information sheet.
 2. **IMPORTANT:** Mix the Limewash putty thoroughly (in original container provided) **BEFORE** diluting with water. A 5 gallon plastic bucket (available at any hardware/paint store) is recommended for mixing.
 3. Pour or scrape the Limewash putty into your mixing bucket (a rubber spatula works well for this step).
 4. Dilute the Limewash with 100%-200% water (1:1 - 1:2 ratio of putty:water) **IMPORTANT:** 100% water dilution is less transparent than 200% dilution, please mix accordingly. A test sample is recommended before application to achieve your desired effect.
 5. Thoroughly mix the putty and water. A paint mixer and electric drill is recommended for mixing, but a wooden paint stick may be used as well.



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- Application:** **Do not paint in temperatures below 50°F or heat in excess of 90°F.**
1. Pour a manageable amount of **thoroughly mixed** Limewash into a smaller container to paint from. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to mix the Limewash regularly throughout the painting process.
 2. With an appropriately sized brush, apply the Limewash using random cross hatched strokes. (for detailed step by step instructions, view our instructional video at www.limewash.com). For larger areas such as plastered sheet rock, brick, stucco, and painted walls any 4-6" all purpose paint brush is advised. For cutting around trim work on all surfaces, a 2.5" all-purpose edger brush is recommended. For smaller projects, and all purpose paint brush may be used. **Be sure to maintain a wet edge on your brush during application.**
 3. Allow 24 hours for the 1st coat to dry. As the Limewash dries, it should lighten considerably,
 4. If desired add a 2nd coat.
 5. Allow an additional 24 hours of drying time between each coat. Continue to add additional coats until you have achieved your desired effect.
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 - 2 coats - semi-opaque / semi-solid finish
 - 3 coats - opaque / solid finish

Clean Up: Limewash should be cleaned with water. Use a mild acid (vinegar) solution to remove dried Limewash.

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