

The Monsta Colour Wash Paints have these features:

- Easy to apply and easy clean up/washability
- Forms White Wash effect, translucent
- Low odour
- Low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds)...meaning you won't grow 3 eyes or have your hair turn green
- Mould and fungi inhibitor
- Anti-bacterial properties
- No lead and the dried film is non-toxic

AVAILABLE IN: LOW SHEEN **Sizes:** 1, 4 and 10 Litre

Helpful info on how to paint the Monsta way:

Surface Preparation is one of the most important stages of your paint job. Firstly, ensure the surface you are painting is dry, clean and free of any surface contaminants or particles. Even though walls may look clean, we recommend wiping down using a mild detergent and rinse wash with water to give a good clean. Paint bonds best to a clean surface.

If walls are existing or aged, ensure all loose or flaking paint is first removed. Complete any patching or repairs needed before sanding back to ensure the wall is even and as smooth as possible. We suggest using Monsta Sugar Soap to give a thorough clean on surfaces that are existing.

It is important that any efflorescence (salt) or mould on masonry or concrete surfaces is removed and treated.

How much paint do I need? – Monsta Colour Wash is usually applied at a coverage of 1 litre per 10-20m² and this will depend on the opacity level you are tyring to create. As per all paint finishes, a minimum of 2 coats are recommended, but with Colour Wash apply with a brush to achieve the desired effect. To get the finish you want, we recommend trying on an area to try the different effects you can form with a brush and number of coats needed.

Remember if you have absorbent or rough surfaces the coverage will be reduced.

Before using remember to stir – we always recommend to stir paint before using as this ensures the colour tints are evenly dispersed and you have no colour separation. Stir using a flat paint stirrer in a circular upward motion for 3-5 minutes. Hint – to ensure no colour separation, after stirring brush out a few strokes on another surface to check the colour is consistent.

Painting – Apply 2 coats of paint using a brush for the desired effect. Colour Wash should always be applied by brush in the direction of the woodgrain. Try to maintain a wet edge to enable a continuous coating effect. Depending on the opacity level you are trying to form you may consider lightly sanding with fine sandpaper before applying 2nd or 3rd coats.

Avoid brushes and rollers from drying out, when not using for extended periods keep in water then rinse dry before re-using. To help get the Monsta finish we offer Monsta brushes and rollers in our Paint Shop.

Re-coating – Before re-coating ensure the coat applied is dried. In normal drying conditions of 23°C and 50% RH, allow 2 hours before re-coating.

Temperature guide –It is recommended to not apply paint when surface temperatures are below 10°C or greater than 35°C. Avoid applying paint in extreme humidity.

Clean up — Although our paints are water based, wash up away from drains. Tools and accessories will wash up with water before the paint has dried. Don't pour left over paint down the drain. If not storing, brush out onto newspaper or absorb onto saw dust and let dry to then throw out as general waste. Empty Monsta pails make great storing pails for all types of things at home or in the garden shed. Wash out and re-use where possible, if you are disposing we suggest you to send them to plastic recyclers.

Important information to take note of:

- Monsta Colour Wash paints are for interior surfaces, not exterior areas exposed to weather.
- Some timber surfaces may tannin stain. Check and test for tannin staining before starting.
- Keeping a wet edge while painting is important when forming the whitewash effect to prevent dry
 jointing showing in the finish. Take care and trial first to get the desired effect.
- Surface preparation is one of the most important steps for creating the best paint job as detailed above.
- Pay attention to the temperature when painting. Do not use at temperatures below 10°C or if the surface temperature you've painted will fall below 10°C when the paint is drying.
- Monsta paint is dry anywhere between 30 minutes 2 hours. If needing to wash down walls, allow paint job to dry for 1 week. When cleaning walls use a damp wipe only, do not wet surfaces.
- This paint should not be used on walls where temperatures will get up over 70°C.
- Do not use any solvents or alcohol cleaners over the dried wall surface as this will break down the paint surface.
- Even for the best of painters we recommend using protective eye glasses, gloves and clothing that doesn't expose arms and legs when painting.
- Keep out of reach of children, we recommend the common sense approach when using and storing your paint.
- With cleaning up, please read our clean up section again. We do care for the environment.
- If paint gets in your eye, flush your open eye with running water for 10-15 minutes; if swallowed rinse mouth with water and then drink a glass of water. For any poisoning concerns contact your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126.

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