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### Transform your Cabinets in One Weekend!

The typical kitchen takes about 8 hours of time to clean and paint. You may use your kitchen in just a few hours after you apply your final coat. There are variables which may impact the time, such as your painting speed, number of coats, and amount of cabinets. It's optimal to leave your doors and drawers open for at least 8 hours to ensure they don't stick.

We recommend being cautious around your new finish for the first few days because the coating's adhesion builds with each day. You may wish to wait a few days before re-installing knobs and pulls.

If you're going to be updating your countertops with Giani™ Granite Countertop Paint, be sure to makeover your cabinets first. This will eliminate the chance of getting paint on your new granite countertop finish.



#### Covers 100 sq. ft. & Multiple Cabinet Surfaces!

- Varnished Wood - Painted Wood - Metal - Bare Wood - Laminate - Melamine - Painted Metal - Vinyl

Each NUVO Paint Kit has sufficient paint to cover the typical kitchen, which is equivalent to about 40 running feet of standard cabinets, or about 100 sq. feet. **Note:** This amount of paint includes coating the front and back sides of all your cabinet doors, the front of your drawers, and the front/sides of all your cabinet frame. It DOES NOT include coating for the interior of your cabinet shelves. **Note:** If you're covering very dark wood, or painting with one of NUVO's lighter colors, then a third coat may be required. There is enough paint included for this occurrence. **Note:** Bare wood should be pre-primed.



#### Get Professional Results with Just a Roller and a Brush!

Once dry, our paint will have a smooth and "sprayed on" effect with a satin finish. Nuvo is uniquely designed as a paint and primer in one, so there is typically no need for priming! Stir thoroughly before and occasionally during use. The surface must be clean, free of dust, grease, and wax. Before painting, sand and clean your cabinets with Windex®.

#### Additional Items You May Need:

- De-glosser (If you have slick or glossy cabinets)
- Small Tipped Artist Brush for Tight Spots
- #300 Grit Sandpaper (For all cabinet types)
- Fast Drying Wood Filler for Deep Nicks
- Frog® Painter's Tape
- Roller Pan or Tray
- Screwdriver

# Cabinet Paint Instructions:

### STEP 1: PREP

Before beginning, turn off any ceiling fans to prevent blowing dust. It is also optimal to have your room's temperature be between 65°-77°F.



Remove knobs and pulls. If not removable, tape off or paint around them. If the doors have "bumpers," then either remove and replace them or paint around them.



Sand any/all cabinet surfaces with a #300 grit sandpaper to ensure the paint adheres.



Clean with window cleaner. Use a (TSP) Tri-Sodium Phosphate substitute or de-greaser around handles and high traffic areas.



Tape two rows of Frog® Painter's Tape and press firmly to prevent bleed through.

Cover up countertops and floors to prevent spills.

PLEASE NOTE: Prep is the most important step in giving you the best results for a smooth and seamless finish.

A. REMOVE: If replacing old knobs with new ones, and the new knob's screw holes do not match up with the existing holes, take time now to patch the old holes with wood filler. Drill new holes for the new knobs before painting. Also, if your cabinets have any deep nicks or scratches, fill them in with a fast drying wood putty.

**B. SAND:** For all cabinet types, including wood, laminate, vinyl, and painted surfaces, you must sand all of your cabinet surfaces with a #300 grit sandpaper to ensure the paint adheres properly. If your cabinets are wood, follow the grain and avoid circular motions. Sand extra well around your door handles and stove because of the potential oils and dirt located in these areas. For high-gloss finishes, use a liquid de-glosser and sand with a #300 grit sandpaper to lightly scuff up the surface.

C. CLEAN: When you are done sanding, wipe up all of the sanding dust with a standard window cleaner since the alcohol and ammonia won't leave a residue. Clean well with a Tri-Sodium Phosphate (TSP) substitute or a de-greaser around the handles and places where you often touch the wood, as the oils from our hands get onto the surface and will keep the paint from adhering. Pay extra attention to the area above and around the stove where oil and grease accumulates. You may need to clean a few times depending on how much the grease has settled. After cleaning, wipe up with water or Windex® to remove any TSP or de-greaser residue. This may need to be done a few times. Note: Cracking may occur if you do not clean your cabinets well enough.

D. TAPE: Tape off any walls, appliances, and knobs/hinges (or remove knobs/hinges) that meet your cabinets with two rows of Frog® Painter's Tape. Press firmly so the paint does not bleed through. Also, place drop cloths over your countertops and floors to protect them.

# "Knotty Pine" Applications:

If your cabinets have a lot of knots in them, such as "knotty pine" cabinets, and the current finish is old, then pre-prime with a good oil-based primer before painting with NUVO. This is necessary because the tannins in the knots are likely to bleed through NUVO's water-based formula. Use an oil paint brush and follow the general wood grain when priming and avoid circular strokes.

#### NUVO is designed to be applied with 2 to 3 thin coats.

DO NOT attempt to apply in one thick coat as it will affect the coating's performance. Most applications only need 2 coats, however, if you are painting a lighter color over dark wood, or a darker color over light colored wood, then you will need multiple thin coats to hide the underlying color.



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Paint Cabinet Frames: Begin by using the kit's included paintbrush and edge in with Nuvo Cabinet Paint around the exterior hinges on the frame. Next, open the cabinet doors and drawers in the area and complete painting the rest of the frame. For best results, use up-and-down brush strokes on the vertical sections of your frame and use side-to-side strokes on the horizontal sections.

After painting the frame, keep the cabinet doors and drawers open to dry so the doors don't stick. Repeat this process on all of your cabinets.



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Paint Doors and Drawers: Next, paint the backside of each door. If the doors have "bumpers," you can paint around them. Keep the doors open until they are dry. (It is not necessary to paint the backside of the drawers because they are typically not visible when open.) Wait to paint the side edges as you will do this step while painting the front of the doors. By the time you have finished painting the backside of your last door, the first one is probably dry to the touch. If so, you may begin by painting the front and side edges of your doors and drawers in thin coats.

#### For best results, paint the front of "Raised Panel" doors and drawers by following this sequence:

A. Paint the recessed "valleys" first with the angled brush. Use up-and-down brush strokes on the vertical sections and side-to-side strokes on the horizontal pieces. Watch for drips and pooling of paint in the corners and brush out.

**B.** Next, paint the side edges of the door with the roller or brush. Be sure to roll off most of the paint from the roller before painting the edges because it will minimize excess paint build up on the backsides of the door.

C. Finally, use the roller to paint the face and raised panels of the doors and drawers. Again, use up-and-down roll strokes on the vertical sections and side-to-side strokes on the horizontal sections. Be sure to watch for runs or excess build up on the corners, side edges, and the backsides of your doors. If you see any, gently brush them out immediately. Keep the doors and drawers open during your project to allow them to dry and not stick to the frames. By the time you have finished painting the front side of your final door or drawer, it is very likely that enough time has elapsed (about 2 hours) for you to go back where you started and repeat the above process for a second coat.



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**Apply Second Coat:** Repeat the above process. If you see any thin areas after your second coat, allow the section to dry for 2 hours and then re-coat the entire section or door because "spot" re-coats will create a noticeable difference in gloss.

Leave your doors and drawers open for a minimum of 8 hours after your final coat to prevent sticking. You may apply additional thin coats, if needed, to hide very dark wood or paint.

### STEP 3: PUT YOUR KITCHEN BACK TOGETHER

**Remove Tape:** Immediately after your final coat has dried to the touch, you may begin removing the tape. Carefully score the edge of the tape with a sharp tool to ensure a clean separation from the new coating.

**Re-Attach Knobs:** Wait a minimum of 8 hours before re-attaching your knobs or closing your doors and drawers to prevent them from sticking. Re-apply new bumpers if you removed your old ones.

## Care Instructions:

Important!!! Be cautious with your new Nuvo finish, especially around the handles, during the 14 day cure time because the coating's adhesion builds with each successive day!

We recommend waiting a minimum of 7 days before cleaning your cabinets. The full cure time is 14 days. Clean by wiping your cabinets with soap and water. We do not recommend any harsh abrasives or chemicals, such as household cleaners as this will wear down the paint over time. The paint is water-based, so aggressive scrubbing or moisture sitting on it for long periods of time can put it in a weakened state. Also, be cautious with juice, wine, coffee, etc. as they can leave a stain on your new Nuvo finish if they are not cleaned up right away.

# Important Information:

**DISPOSAL:** Clean equipment and paint spatters with warm, soapy water. Dispose of contaminated absorbent container and unused product in accordance with all current federal, state, and local regulations.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

WARNING! Irritant. Harmful if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes. May cause eye, nose, and throat irritation. Avoid breathing of dust and vapors or spray mist. Open windows and doors or use other means to ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. If you experience eye watering, headache, or dizziness, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, seek medical attention immediately.

Close container after each use. Wash hands thoroughly after handling and before smoking and eating.

FIRST AID: If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. If you experience difficulty in breathing, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, seek medical attention immediately. In case of eye contact, flush eyes immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention.

**KEEP FROM FREEZING.** If frozen, let thaw at room temperature for 48 hours.

CAUTION: Do not take internally. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Use with adequate ventilation. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

WARNING! If you scrape, sand, or remove old house paint, you may release lead dust. Lead is toxic. Contact the National Lead Information Hotline at 800-424-LEAD. All Giani<sup>TM</sup> products are lead free.

## Contact Us:

When your project is finished, send us your "Before & After" pictures because they will inspire others! Let us know if you have any questions and enjoy your NUVO makeover!

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