



FURNITURE PAINT FACT SHEET

QUESTIONS?
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WATER-BASED

Our paint is a water-based acrylic/latex paint. It cleans up easily with soap and water. **Do Not Shake, Gently Stir.**

LOW VOC (Volatile Organic Compound)

Our paint has low to no odor and is exceptionally environmentally friendly. Black Dog Salvage Furniture Paint can be used indoors, around children and pets. The paint contains no harmful chemicals or odors.

HIGH ADHESION & COVERAGE RATE

Black Dog Salvage Furniture Paint will adhere to other paint, varnish, lacquer, poly, plastic, metal, unfinished wood, water-based or oil stains, glass and ceramic. Coverage: 75-80 square feet per PintPlus, 150+ square feet per quart. Use only **Distilled Water** to thin the paint.

PREP BEFORE PAINTING

Our paint can be used over most CLEAN surfaces. You **must clean** your piece before painting. We suggest TSP (Trisodium Phosphate), a TSP substitute or any good degreasing, degreasing, general cleaner. Do not use a cleaner that contains any petroleum products or silicones. No stripping or priming is required. Sanding is only necessary if you have "chippy," peeling, glossy or blemished areas. We do not suggest our paint be used on furniture that has been oiled continuously such as teak or Scandinavian style furniture.

INTERIOR PAINT

Our paint is an interior furniture paint that must be sealed with a topcoat. It is not wall paint. Our paint can be used on furniture and accessories and will adhere to other paint, varnish, lacquer, poly, plastic, metal, bare wood, glass and ceramic. If applying over a glossy surface we suggest a light sanding before painting.

MIXABLE PALETTE

The paint is completely customizable. You can mix the colors to create your own custom hue. Our white—Clean Canvas—is a true white. It can be mixed with any of the colors to create a TINT (lighter hue of a color). Our black—Black Dog—can be mixed with any color to create a SHADE (darker hue of a color). You may view our color recipes at our store and blackdogsalvage.com. There are no limits to the colors that can be created. If you create a new color please let us know!

PAINT APPLICATION

Black Dog Salvage Furniture Paint can be brushed or sprayed. You may use the brush of your choice, synthetic or natural bristle. We do not suggest the use of foam brushes with the paint. If spraying, follow the thinning suggestions of your sprayer's operating manual. Use **Distilled Water** only when thinning paint.

TOPCOAT APPLICATION

Our paint must be top coated in order to protect the painted surface. Choose either Guard Dog or Show Dog, in satin or matte finishes, to guard against the abuses of everyday use. Guard Dog, a water-based polyurethane, is our toughest topcoat but may amber when used over lighter colors. Show Dog is made from the clearest, non-amber urethane and the clearest acrylic to offer superb surface protection without color alteration. Both topcoats can be sprayed or brushed. Apply a minimum of two coats. We suggest allowing the paint to cure for 24 hours before topcoating. If working in a non-air-conditioned space in high humidity allow for extra drying time. As with all polyurethane products: **Do Not Shake, Gently Stir.** If you like a waxed finish, you most certainly can use wax over our paint. Wax will darken the color. Wax is very stable, but not durable. Wax offers only modest protection against water damage, provides no protection against solvents, makes the paint difficult to remove, and at best is very challenging to paint over.

BLEED THROUGH

If you have a pink, yellow, orange or brown color bleeding through the paint, you have a condition called "Bleed Through." A substance used on manufactured furniture during the 1940's to the late 1960's causes Bleed Through. If this happens, quit painting. Allow the paint to dry and paint the affected area with clear shellac. Allow to dry and paint over the shellac. The shellac seals the affected area.

PAINT WON'T ADHERE

If you are having issues it is most likely due to one of the following:

- A) The piece is not clean, or you used a cleaner that contains silicone or petroleum substances. Cleaners that contain petroleum or silicone substances will repel the paint. We have found TSP to be a good all-around cleaner for preparing your piece for paint.
- B) The piece has been highly oiled. The paint will not adhere to teak or Scandinavian style furniture that has been consistently oiled. Sorry... no paint will adhere to these surfaces.