



## Moss

# Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is FolkArt Painted Finishes – Moss?**

FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss is a water-based, non-toxic, easy-to-apply, textural paint that when applied to a variety of surfaces will create the illusion of moss that has grown on that surface.

### **On what types of surfaces can I use FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can be applied to a wide variety of rigid surfaces such as: wood, terra cotta, plastic, papier mache, metal cement, masonry and garden statuary. Keep in mind, the painted moss finish will be most convincing when applied to a surface that moss might actually grow on.

### **How should I prepare my surfaces before painting with FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

- **Wood** – Because FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss is a thick textural paint, there is no need for additional prep whether working on finished or unfinished wood, even if the surface is very rough.
- **Terra Cotta** – No prep is necessary when decorating terra cotta.
- **Plastic** – Wash plastic surfaces in warm, soapy water to remove any existing grease film. Allow to thoroughly dry.
- **Papier Mache** – No prep is necessary when decorating papier mache surfaces.
- **Metal** – Wash all new metal surfaces in warm, soapy water; allow to thoroughly dry. Moisten a paper towel or soft cloth with distilled white vinegar and wipe over surface; allow to dry.
- **Cement, Masonry and Garden Statuary** – Apply a coat of white vinegar (to neutralize lime), allow to dry, rinse, and then allow to dry thoroughly.

### **How many colors of FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss are available?**

FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss is available in two colors, Light Moss and Dark Moss.

### **What is the best applicator tool to use when applying FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

To create the look of moss growing onto a surface, it is best to use a stiff bristled brush that will allow you to manipulate the thick texture of FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss. FolkArt Shortie Brushes, are perfect for this textured paint application technique.

### **How is the FolkArt Shortie Brush different from any other brush?**

Each FolkArt Shortie Brush is manufactured as a 1” wide flat brush containing 100% hog hair with flag tip bristles. Hog hair bristles offer the stiffness needed to manipulate thick textured paint and the flag tip bristles allow the brush to hold more paint.

### **What supplies should I have on hand when working with FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

You should have your prepped project surface, both Light and Dark Moss, FolkArt Shortie Brushes, paper towels, craft knife, foam plates or a palette, and a container of water.

### **How can I re-mix Folkart Painted Finishes Moss if it has settled?**

If your paint has settled, simply shaking the FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss bottles will fully incorporate the paint.

### **What application method is recommended when creating a FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss project?**

Dab to apply the thick paint for dimensional interest rather than brushing which may smooth the paint. Working small surface sections at a time and while Dark Moss is still wet, randomly dab on Light Moss for contrast and depth of color. NOTE: If desired, either Light or Dark Moss can be used alone.

### **Can I create any special effects with FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

You can create the look of weathered moss by adding water to the FolkArt Shortie Brush and dabbing the moistened bristles randomly into the wet moss texture paint. The water will allow some of the moss paint to run or drip. NOTE: Be sure to hold the project surface upright to allow the drips to run in the direction as they naturally would do. FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can be painted as an embellishment to a previously painted FolkArt Painted Finish such as: Cement or Barnwood.

### **How much coverage does the Moss FolkArt Painted Finishes kit provide?**

One 2 fl. oz. bottle of FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss will cover approximately 1.5 square feet of surface. When combining Light and Dark Moss 2 fl. oz. bottles, approximately 3 square feet of project surface can be covered.

### **How much coverage can I expect from one 4 fl. oz. bottle of FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

One 4 fl. oz. bottle of FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss will cover approximately 3 square feet of surface. When combining Light and Dark Moss 4 fl. oz. bottles, approximately 6 square feet of project surface can be covered.

### **What is the dry/cure time when creating with FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss?**

Depending on the chosen surface (if working on porous or nonporous surface), how thick the application, and how humid your work area is, FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can dry to the touch within 4 hours. FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss will be cured to the surface in approximately 24 hours.

### **How do I clean FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss from my Shortie Brushes?**

FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can be easily cleaned from used paint brushes while the bristles are still wet using soap and warm water.

### **Is FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss safe to use on outdoor surfaces?**

Yes, FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can be used on outdoor projects, assuming the surface itself can withstand outdoor elements. For example, a papier mache surface that would not withstand outdoors elements naturally should not be used as an outdoor rust project.

**Will FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss stain my clothing?**

FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can penetrate your clothing the same as when working with acrylic paints; however, it can be washed out immediately while wet using FolkArt Brush Plus and water.

**Should I seal my FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss project after it is dry?**

FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss is self-sealing and does not require any added varnish or sealers for protection.

**How should I clean my FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss project?**

Projects created using FolkArt Painted Finishes Moss can be wiped clean to remove dust using a slightly damp paper towel or soft cloth.