



FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk

Frequently Asked Questions

What is FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint?

FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk is an acrylic-based paint system that dries to an ultra-flat matte and textured finish. Ideal for painting furniture and home decor accessories, FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint can be painted in a single layer or multiple layers of color that can then be sanded to reveal the original surface or a previous layer of color—creating a distressed look that connotes an old-world, vintage feel.

On what types of surfaces can I use FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint?

FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint can be applied to many different types of surfaces: wood, terracotta, metal, canvas, paper mache, plaster, ceramic or glass, and even fabric. Note that fabric surfaces painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk are not machine-washable, and glass or ceramic surfaces painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk cannot be washed in the dishwasher; such surfaces should be used as for decorative purposes only and lightly cleaned using a damp cloth only when needed.

Are surfaces painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk dishwasher-safe?

No, surfaces painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk are not dishwasher-safe.

What surface preparation needs to be completed before applying FolkArt Home Decor Chalk paint?

Surfaces do not require any significant preparation—i.e., sanding, stripping, or priming—before FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint can be applied. For wood, terracotta, and metal, surfaces, simply clean the surface using household window cleaner to remove dirt or dust particles as necessary. Wipe down glass and ceramic surfaces with rubbing alcohol.

Can FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint colors be mixed to create new colors or different values of the same color?

Yes, FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paints mix easily to create any color you desire. Begin by mixing a small amount of the darker color into the lighter color first. Continue adding the darker color a little at a time until the desired color or value is achieved.

How resistant to fading is FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint?

All Plaid paints are rated on a five-point light-fastness scale with 1 denoting Excellent light-fastness and 5 denoting Poor light-fastness. Because all FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paints are made using some of the highest quality pigments available, they're all rated Excellent or Very Good (1 or 2) for light-fastness.

How much paint coverage does one 8 fl. oz. jar of FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint provide?

One 8 fl. oz. jar of paint covers approximately 15 sq. ft.; however, the amount of Texture Chalk applied and porosity of the surface will determine how much coverage can be achieved with each jar of paint.

Does FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint contain latex?

No, FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk does not contain latex; like all other Plaid's paint products, they're manufactured using synthetic acrylic resins.

Do I need to shake or stir FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint before using?

Yes, upon opening the jar, stir the paint well to make sure it's fully mixed, as some separation may occur naturally between production and the time of use.

What is the best method for applying FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint?

FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint is best applied to your project surface using a large bristle brush working the paint into all crevices and corners as well as flat areas. Additional FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk can be applied in a thicker application allowing dimensional brush strokes to create the "old world" vintage textured effect.

How long does FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint take to dry and cure?

Allow a minimum of 2 hours of dry time between coats, depending upon thickness of application. Once dry, FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk will take a minimum of 48 hours before fully cured to the surface.

How do I create a distressed look using FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk?

To distress a surface painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk, follow the instructions below:

1. Allow the topcoat of FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk to dry.
2. Using medium-grit sandpaper, lightly sand the surface edges or a heavily textured area to expose either the surface or a previous layer of paint—creating a timeworn look. You will find that FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paints sand easily without "gumming up" sandpaper.
3. Once satisfied with the distressing, wipe the surface down with a damp paper towel to remove any dust created from sanding.

Can FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk be used on outdoor surfaces?

No, FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk is for indoor use only.

How do I clean FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint out of my brushes?

FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk paint should be cleaned from painting tools using soap and warm water immediately after each use.

Is it necessary to seal or varnish a completed project painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk?

No, it is not necessary to seal or varnish project surfaces painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk; however, for heavily used surfaces such as furniture, we recommend applying two or more coats of FolkArt Home Decor Satin Varnish for added protection and enhanced durability.

Can I apply an antique or whitewash glaze to a project painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk?

Yes, surfaces painted with FolkArt Home Decor Texture Chalk and sealed with FolkArt Home Decor Varnish are ideal for glazing because of the textured peaks and valleys on the surface. We recommend using FolkArt Glaze—either in Café Noir for an antiqued look or Cream Puff for a whitewashed effect—or FolkArt Glazing Medium with any color of FolkArt Acrylics to create your own colored glaze. Be sure to apply FolkArt Home Decor Varnish prior to glazing so that the glaze product glides over rather than grab onto the porous surface.