



Martha Stewart Crafts® Vintage Decor FAQs

What is Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax is a brushable, waterbased, non-toxic wax used to seal and protect painted surfaces. Allow paint to dry for at least two hours before applying wax. It can be buffed to desired shine.

How many types of Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax are there?

There are two different types of Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax: Clear and Antique. When applied, Clear Wax will provide a velvety smooth protective finish that will help protect the surface from moisture and marring.

Antique Wax, is an optional effect that is applied after a coat of the clear wax. When applied to a project's surface, it will provide a soft, time-worn look. It can be used with a lighter application for a more subtle effect or reapplied to achieve a darker and more dramatic effect.

What is the best application technique to use when applying Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax?

Application is simple. Use the Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Brush or a lint-free cloth. Load the brush with wax, and then apply over the project surface in a thin layer. Remove excess with a damp cloth. Allow to dry 24 hours, then buff to desired sheen using a soft, lint-free cloth. The longer you buff, the higher the sheen.

How long does it take Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax to dry?

24- hours after application, your wax is dry enough to be buffed. After buffing, Allow 24 hours of drying time for gentle use, and allow the wax to cure completely for 7 days before using your project.

What should I use to buff the Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor wax?

When buffing, it is best to use a soft, lint-free cloth. Fold the cloth into a small section which can be easily held in one hand. If working on a large piece of furniture, be sure to occasionally open and refold the buffing cloth to a clean spot before continuing to buff. Tip: When buffing a large surface, if your wax is not buffing easily, dampen your cloth with water, and continue buffing. This will re-activate the wax so that you can continue to easily buff your project.

Why do I need to buff the wax?

After applying the Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax, it should be buffed to polish and seal the surface. The more you buff the more you will raise the sheen of your finished project.



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When and how do I apply Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Antiquing Wax?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Antique Wax can be applied to your piece to create a more time-worn look. First apply a layer of Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Clear Wax, let dry for 24-hours, and buff. Then apply Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Antique Wax as an all-over second layer or to small, raised details.

While the Antique Wax is wet, quickly use a soft cloth to wipe over the surface to remove excess, leaving the dark color in corners, routed edges, and worn areas so that you can achieve a natural, time-worn finish.

My Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Antique Wax is applied too heavily in one area, can I remove it?

As long as the wax is still wet and has not fully dried, you can remove it by simply wetting the desired area with additional clear wax and continuing to wipe away the excess.

When will my Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor waxed surface be cured?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor waxed surfaces will be fully cured on its own in 7 days. Until then, keep waxed surfaces free of moisture and heavy use to allow enough time for the wax to fully cure.

How should I clean my brush after applying Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax?

Clean up is easy with soap and warm water. Work the brush bristles into soap lather then rinse well.

How should I clean my project surfaces after Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax has been applied?

Wipe project surfaces with a soft cloth moistened with warm water and mild soap to clean. Consumer furniture polishes are also acceptable for regular cleaning of waxed surfaces.

Will I ever need to reapply Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Wax?

On well used furniture items such as chairs, tables, or dressers, etc., it is a good idea to reapply the finish with a fresh coat of Clear Wax every 6 to 12 months, or as needed. It is not necessary to reapply wax to decorative items.

What is Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Paint is a water-based, acrylic paint that dries to a matte chalk finish. It is ideal for painting furniture and various home decor accessories because it requires no prep



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work. Simply clean the surface that you wish to paint with a glass cleaner to remove any dirt or grease, and then paint.

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Paint is beautiful when applied as a single color. It was formulated especially for distressing techniques, so that the top layer can be sanded away to reveal a different color beneath.

What types of surfaces can I use Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint on?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint can be applied to many different types of surfaces such as wood, terra cotta, metal/tin, canvas, paper mache and plaster.

It can also be applied to ceramic and/or glass surfaces, however the paint is not dishwasher safe. Fabric surfaces can also be painted using Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint, however the surface is not machine washable. When decorating glass, ceramic and fabric surfaces, your project should be used as a decorative accessory and lightly cleaned using a damp cloth when needed.

Do I need to prepare my project surface before applying Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?

The beauty of painting with Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint is that your surface does not require massive preparation such as sanding, stripping or priming the original finish! You can paint directly onto your surface.

When painting previously used furniture and home décor accessories simply clean the surface using a glass cleaner to remove dirt or dust particles as necessary. Glass and ceramic surfaces should be wiped down using rubbing alcohol.

Can Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint colors be mixed to create new colors or different values of the same color?

Yes, Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor 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. Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint can also be added to the Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Clear wax to create a custom colored wax, just add a little paint at a time until desired color is achieved. (Note: While you can use the Martha Stewart Multi-Surface paint to accent your Vintage Decor painted piece, we do not recommend mixing it with the Vintage Decor paint to create custom colors, as the satin finish of the Multi-Surface paint will alter the distressing properties of the Vintage Decor paint.)

How resistant to fading is Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?



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All Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paints are very fade-resistant and made using very high quality pigments that will give your painted project a superior, long-lasting, finish.

I am working on a large piece of furniture, how much paint coverage will I achieve with one 8 fl. oz. bottle of Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint will cover 1 to 2 square feet per oz, depending on thickness of application. One 8 fl. oz. bottle of paint will cover approximately 20 sq. ft.

Does Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint contain latex?

We do not use natural rubber latex in any of our current paint products. Our paint products are manufactured using synthetic acrylic resins.

Do I need to shake or stir Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint before using?

Upon opening the bottle, stir well to fully incorporate the paint. Paint can be used directly from the bottle or by pouring a small amount onto a plate or palette.

What is the best paint application technique to be used with Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint is best applied to your project surface using the Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor brush, working the paint into all crevices and corners as well as flat areas.

How long does Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint take to dry?

On most surfaces, Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint dries to the touch very quickly. However, we recommend 2 hours of dry time in between coats. Note: a hair dryer may be used to speed up drying time. The paint fully cures in 24 hours. The wax fully cures in 7 days.

What is the paint cure time when working with Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Chalk paint will dry to the touch almost immediately, however it will take 24 hours before fully cured to the surface. The wax fully cures in 7 days.

How do I create a distressed look using Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint?

Creating the distressed look is easy and can be achieved by simply sanding your painted surface with a medium grit sandpaper. This can be done using a one color or multiple color application. After distressing a one color application, the base surface will appear. After distressing a multiple color application, the previously painted color will appear.



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Tip: Sand and distress edges and corners to highlight the detailed areas on your piece.

What makes Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint ideal for creating the distressed look?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paints sand easily without “gumming up” the sandpaper. It sands to a fine powder which is easily brushed or wiped away.

When satisfied with the distressed look, wipe project surface with a damp paper towel to remove excess sanding dust. Then you are ready to seal and protect your project with the Vintage Decor Waxes.

Can I embellish my painted and distressed Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint project with stenciling?

Yes! Use Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint through stencils to add detail or embellishment to your project. Martha Stewart Crafts has a collection of Vintage Decor Stencil sets perfect for larger areas and home decor projects.

The stenciled design can be left as is after stenciling or distressed using medium grit sandpaper.

Before using a brand new Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Chalk or Wax brush, do I need to condition it?

Yes, as with all new natural bristle brushes, the Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor Chalk and Wax brushes should be conditioned prior to using them the first time. To condition a natural bristle brush: begin with dry hands and run your fingers through the bristles, working the bristles back and forth. Secondly, fan the bristles to expose any loose ones; then tap on the table to remove any loose bristles. Next, rinse the brush in warm water, then repeat the same steps. After conditioning the natural bristle brush, allow the bristles to thoroughly dry before use. **NOTE:** You may experience some bristle loss while conditioning the brush. This is quite normal and the purpose of conditioning the brush is to expose and then remove any loose bristles before painting.

How do I clean Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint out of my brushes and stencils?

Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint should be cleaned from your painting tools using soap and warm water immediately after each use.

My Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint has clumps in it! What should I do?

Over time, that is perfectly natural. As air becomes trapped in the top portion of the paint bottle (after it has been opened and paint used) a paint skin may form.

With each paint use, it is best to remove the top skin before stirring the paint.

What is the difference between Martha Stewart Crafts Vintage Decor paint and Martha Stewart Crafts Multi-Surface Craft paint?

Martha Stewart Crafts Multi-Surface Craft Paint is a durable, premium, multi-surface acrylic paint that is both dishwasher and machine washer safe. It is perfect for both painting and stenciling and comes in several specialty finishes such as high gloss, satin, metallic, glow in the dark, and chalkboard.