



PAINTED *Finishes* Concrete

Frequently Asked Questions

What is FolkArt Painted Finishes – Concrete?

FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete is a water-based, non-toxic, easy-to-apply, textural paint that when applied to a variety of surfaces will create the illusion of concrete.

On what types of surfaces can I use FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete?

FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete can be applied to a wide variety of rigid surfaces such as: wood, terra cotta, plastic, papier mache and metal.

How should I prepare my surfaces before painting with FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete?

- **Wood** – Because FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete 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.

How many colors of FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete are available?

FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete is available in two colors: Light Concrete and Dark Concrete.

What is the best applicator tool to use when applying FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete?

To create the look of concrete, it is best to use a stiff bristled brush that will allow you to manipulate the thick texture of FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete. 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 Concrete?

You should have your prepared project surface, both Light and Dark Concrete, 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 Concrete if it has settled?

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

What application method is recommended when creating a FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete project?

After properly loading the FolkArt Shortie Brush with Light Concrete texture paint, the best way to achieve the look of concrete is to begin covering the surface using a quick, dabbing motion applying the thick texture paint to the surface. 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 Light Concrete is still wet, randomly dab on Dark Concrete for contrast and depth of color.

Can I create any special effects with FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete?

You can create the look of aged or weathered concrete by adding water to the FolkArt Shortie Brush and dabbing the moistened bristles randomly into the wet concrete texture paint. The water will allow some of the concrete 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.

How much coverage does the Concrete FolkArt Painted Finishes Kit provide?

One 2 fl. oz. bottle of FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete will cover approximately 1.5 square feet of surface. When combining Light and Dark Concrete 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 Concrete?

One 4 fl. oz. bottle of FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete will cover approximately 3 square feet of surface. When combining Light and Dark Concrete 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 Concrete?

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 Concrete can dry to the touch within 4 hours. FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete will cure to the surface in approximately 24 hours.

How do I clean FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete from my Shortie Brushes?

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

Is FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete safe to use on outdoor surfaces?

Yes, FolkArt Painted Finishes 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 concrete project.

Will FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete stain my clothing?

FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete 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 Concrete project after it is dry?

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

How should I clean my FolkArt Painted Finishes Concrete project?

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