

Heavy Texture #1

MATERIALS: Passion for DIY chalk paint in-
Running on Empty for or base coat. &
Night Fever for the colour wash.

Paint brush

Dry Brush

Hair dryer

You can make awesome textures with Passion for DIY chalk finish paint that will enhance many of your projects. This first effect will give you a thick rugged texture. Like most effects you should break your project up into sections to make it easier to apply. Always clean your projects with a damp cloth before starting to paint.

1. Paint the base you have chosen with very thick paint in random directions, Drying as you go with the hairdryer, the paint should be thick enough that you can see it move with the force of the dryer. Keep the heat directed at the paint moving over the entire piece. (If doing large a piece break it down into smaller areas).

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2. When the paint starts to get a “Skin” on it then it is time to take your brush and very gently drag it lightly over the paint in random directions to move and manipulate it. If the paint is not dry enough it will smudge rather than drag, if this happens apply a little more heat then try again.

3. Take a look at your project and decide what sort of effect you are after and make sure you put some of the texture in areas that really lend themselves to the crusty look, like in and around raised areas, around and over embellishments, this will make your finished project look more authentic.

4. Apply more paint in areas you think might need it. Because the paint is so thick it takes a bit of time to dry completely so just keep building on that texture by applying , drying and dragging the paint until you are happy with the effect.

See video 2

5. Sometimes when the paint dries out it will deposit crusty bits, this is normal and they will generally adhere or just brush off, either way it adds to this awesome texture.

Colour Wash

Before you start with your colour wash make sure your base coat is completely dry. You will also need a dry cloth and a damp cloth to complete this technique

1. Mix approx 50:50 paint & water for a light wash. Increase the amount of paint to water if you want a darker wash. We used Passion for DIY Night Fever.
2. Apply the wash liberally and quickly with a brush to cover the entire project.
3. Wipe excess wet paint off with the dry cloth then use the damp cloth to wipe as much of the wash off until you get the desired colour and effect you want.

See video 3

Dry Brushing

For you will need a dry brush. A chip brush or natural bristle brush is ideal for this .

The brush needs to be completely dry. You will also need a paper plate or old lid to use as a pallett and a paper towel. The colour we used was Passion for DIY Running on Empty which was our base colour.

1. Dip the tip of your brush into the paint, work the paint into the brush by wiping it back & forth on the plate or lid pallett. when the paint is well worked into the brush wipe the excess paint off onto a paper towel.

2. Using a very light wrist action 'tickle' the top of the project with the brush. This will produce a light effect that can be built up until you get the depth of colour you desire. You can repeat this process until you are happy with the result. Dry completely.

3. Seal with Passion for DIY Polysealer

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