

PAINT TALK



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for Miss Mustard Seed's Milk Paint



MIXING MILK PAINT

FOR MIXING MILK PAINT WITH SUCCESS

QUICK TIPS



WATER

Use fresh, warm water with your milk paint. Start with a 1 to 1 ratio. 1 part water/1 part milk paint. Add your water to your container first then your milk paint. This makes mixing even easier.

MIXING

You don't need any special tools for mixing. You can use a cup, mason jar, spoon, paint stick, whisk etc. Just make sure that you scrape the sides of your cup and the bottom. The milk paint will feel thin. That's normal. If it's too thin, just add a little bit more milk paint. If it's too thick, just add a little bit more water.

PAINT

Stir up your milk paint powder first. This will just help reincorporate the contents of your bag to give better color consistency. If you are using 2 bags, mix them together first so you have color consistency for your project. Milk Paint is made from natural ingredients so each bag can have slight color variations.

STORAGE

Milk paint has an indefinite shelf life in it's powder form. Once mixed, I try to use it within 7 days. It will spoil if not used as it has a protein called Casein in it which is also found in milk. If you forget to use your milk paint and it has an odor, it has spoiled and you need to mix a new batch.

BONDING AGENT

The bonding agent is what will make Milk Paint have "gripping" ability and will prevent the "chippy" look. If you do not want chippy, add 2 parts bonding agent to one part milk paint. Example. 1/4 water, 1/4 milk paint, 1/2 cup bonding agent. If you want some chipping but are scared it will all flake off due to a shiny surface, use less bonding agent.