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# **CRACKED PATINA**

## **Materials Needed**

- Clean piece of furniture to paint
- $\bullet$  Amy Howard at Home  $^{\circ}$  One Step Paint  $^{^{\mathrm{TM}}}$
- 7 2" Amy Howard at Home® China Bristle Brushes
- Amy Howard At Home® Cracked Patina™
- Amy Howard At Home® Light and Dark Wax™
- Amy Howard At Home® Dust of Ages™
- T-shirt Rags

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### HOW TO

- Start with a clean surface. If you are painting over an existing finish like lacquer or stain or paint, apply one coat of One Step Paint and allow to dry 30 - 45 minutes.
- 2. Pour some Cracked patina into a styrofoam bowl then apply one thin, even coat of Cracked Patina over the entire piece using a China Bristle Brush.
- 3. Allow Cracked Patina to dry for 1 2 hours.
- 4. Apply a second thin coat of One Step Paint over the cracked patina.
- Don't overlap the application of paint or you will have "double processing" which is not desirable. Paint much like a woman paints her nails; long, precise applications of paint while not brushing over the last stroke.
- 6. As the piece starts to dry, the dead, matte finish will start to form.
- Use a dry, clean China Bristle Brush. Lay it down horizontally and agitate
  and pull the brush from one side of the piece to the other exposing the
  first coat of paint.
- 8. Pull paint off using your hands paying close attention to the composition of the piece.
- 9. Allow piece to dry for 30-40 minutes.
- 10. Lightly sand with 400 grit sandpaper where the piece is soft to the touch.
- 11. Using a China Bristle Brush and the Light Wax, get just enough wax to cover the tips of the bristles.
- 12. Use the cardboard palette to offload some wax from the brush. \*Always offload you should never go directly from the wax to your piece.
- 13. Apply the Light Wax over the entire piece moving the brush in a "cross hatch" pattern not long, symmetrical strokes.
- 14. Allow to dry for about 20 minutes long enough for the piece to come to "rock"
- 15. Use a China Bristle Brush to lightly apply the Amy Howard at Home Dark Wax. Again, do not want to overwhelm the brush with wax.
- 16. Use the cardboard to offload excess wax from the brush. \*Do not apply the Dark Wax too heavily.
- 17. Different from the Light Wax, use the brush to lightly brush over specific areas where the piece would naturally get dirty like the edges of a piece of trim or the crevices of a cabinet door or picture frame. \*The goal is not to cover the entire piece with the Dark Wax.
- 18. Allow the dark wax to come to "tack" (20 minutes). This will allow the Dust of Ages to adhere to the piece.
- 19. Use the Amy Howard at Home Dust of Ages to cover your entire piece, especially in the crevices and ridges. This will give your piece age and character.
- 20. Use a dry, clean China Bristle Brush to pounce/push the Dust into the corners, ridges and crevices. Apply enough pressure to allow the bristles to get the dust down into the crevices!
- 21. Brush the excess Dust of Ages onto the palette and put back in the container as it can be reused.
- 22. Use a T-shirt rag to buff your piece like you would buff a shoe (hit-drag motion) to get that beautiful patina shine. This buffing will allow your piece to have that authentic aged look.
- 23. Now you get to "Enjoy the Bragging Rights!"

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### 0 & A

#### Do I always need to wax the piece?

Yes - the combination of Light Wax, Dark Wax and Dust of Ages adds depth to finished piece.

#### Can I do a Cracked Patina finish on a large flat surface?

It is suggested that you only do a Cracked Patina finish on smaller pieces with a lot of detail.

#### What can I do if my piece turns black while I am buffing it?

This likely means that you didn't allow the piece to come to "tack" before adding the Dust of Ages. You can "start over" by adding Light Wax over the entire piece and wiping it clean.

#### Can I apply too much Cracked Patina?

The more Cracked Patina applied, the bigger the cracked result. More also increases the drying time.

#### Can I use more than one color of One Step Paint?

Yes, you can have one base color and then add a different color over the Cracked Patina.

#### What happens if I mess up?

No problem! Simply add another coat of Cracked Patina, allow it to dry, then apply the next coat of paint.

# Step by Step

