



How to Paint Furniture with a Paintbrush

In this video, you will learn how to paint reclaimed wooden furniture with a brush.

To do this, you will need:

A small paint roller,

A round paint brush,

A short-handled brush,

A paint tray,

A terry towel,

A damp cloth,

And a wooden block.

You will also need,

Acrylic paint,

And sandpaper.

There are 2 steps to this process, which we will explain to you.

Step 1: The First Layer

Start by removing any dust or dirt from the furniture using a damp cloth.

Pour some paint into the reservoir of the paint tray. Dip the roller into the paint, then roll it 2 or 3 times along the ridged slope.

This will ensure that the paint is evenly distributed on the roller, and remove any excess paint.

The roller can be used to cover the larger areas.

Paint using the cross-coat technique.

One layer in one direction, from top to bottom in this example,

Then a second layer perpendicular to the first, from left to right in this example.

For more narrow or hard-to-reach areas, such as legs, moulding or ridges, for

example, use a round paintbrush.

If you're putting your furniture on a painted surface, check beforehand that the paint is dry to the touch, and place it on a terry towel to protect it.

For quick touch-ups, use a small brush.

Step 2: Extra coats

Smooth the furniture lightly with sandpaper between each layer.

Check the paint pot to find out how long the paint will need to dry between coats.

You'll know you've sanded sufficiently when the surface is smooth with no rough bumps.

Be careful- if you sand too much, you may remove the coat you've just painted!

We suggest using a wooden block to sand evenly.

Before starting on the next coat, carefully remove any dust or residue with a short-handled brush, then with a damp cloth.

For the acrylic paint we've used in this example, three coats are needed.

To find out how long to leave the final coat to dry, refer to the instructions on the paint pot, it's 12 hours in this example.

If you want to protect the paint from wear and tear, apply a layer of varnish.

For more information on this, take a look at our video: "Varnishing furniture".

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