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Wood Decorating Instructions and Tips

INSTRUCTIONS:

When working with an unfinished wood piece, it is usually best to sand away any rough edges first. Use medium grit sandpaper and after sanding, wipe away the dust with a damp cloth or a tack cloth.

PAINTING ON WOOD:

Depending on the usage of your finished project, you may wish to make a base coat of wood primer first. This would be only when the item would have an end use outside in extreme weather conditions.

Usually the first coat, or base coat, is regular acrylic paint. Cover the surface evenly, using brush strokes that all go in one direction, and with the grain of the wood is best.

Allow each application to dry completely before adding a next coat of paint. After the base coat has been completed, you may wish to paint in details. Sometimes even the details may be best put on after each layer dries. For example, if painting a leaf design, you would paint the basic green, and then after it has dried, you would go back and paint the spines of the leaf over the green.

IDEAS FOR EASY WOOD DECORATING:

Try using rub-ons to decorate your piece of wood, or stencils, stamps, or permanent markers to add fine line detail. Try various paint techniques, like sponging the surface or using crumpled plastic wrap to apply paint, or antiquing the surface by brushing on paint and then wiping it off right away with a paper towel.

Another technique for easy decorating is to base coat the object and then glue on various decorations or trims – try sequins, glitter, buttons, silk flower pieces, beads, stones, shells, macaroni, foam pieces, sand, twigs, stickers, or paper decorations.

STAINING WOOD:

Stains are thinner than paint, so that the grain of the wood shows through the stain color. After sanding, apply the stain with a foam brush and you may wish to wipe some of the stain off with a paper towel, to get a lighter color of the stain. Allow to dry. More stain can be added later to get a richer look to the color.

After staining is complete and dry, a varnish may be brushed on with a foam brush or sprayed on, and as many coats as desired may be added.

CLEAN UP:

Since both acrylic paint and wood stains are designed to adhere to wood, the sooner you wash your brushes, the better. Always keep a container of water on hand to set the brush in whenever you are not using it.

Brushes can generally be washed in warm water with a little mild dish detergent in it. When drying brushes, first dab dry with a paper towel, then let then dry flat.

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