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Painting a Rain Barrel



How to Paint a Rain Barrel!

PREPPING:

Rain Barrels will need to be cleaned before any painting can begin. Soapy water and a rinse will help remove much of the grime. For a deeper clean, sand & then wipe with denatured alcohol. **Proper cleaning is the most important step in painting a barrel.**



PRIMING:

You must apply a plastic primer before applying acrylic paint. Generally, plastic primers come as a spray paint.

Two popular plastic primers are Krylon Fusion and Rust-Oleum. At least two cans are needed to cover the barrel. Allow primer 24 hours to dry.



PAINTING:

Before painting, lightly sand the barrel to remove any gloss from the primer coat and use any acrylic paint you have.

Painting by Hand



Painting with a stencil



SEALING:

Allow painted barrel to dry for at least 48 hours before applying the clear coat. Any type of clear acrylic spray is suitable. You can pick the type of finish you prefer, high gloss, satin or matte.



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