

Finishing Tips

Antiquating

- Using sponge brush, paint antiquating over all the desired area.
- Using a paper towel, wipe off antiquing.
- The result should be a brown, antique stain appearance.

Fine Lines, Outlining, Stitches

- Water down paint to ink consistency and use a fine (size 00) liner brush to paint fine lines.
- Lining can also be done with fine tip markers that are specially designed for wood. We recommend the Sakura I Denti-Pen or Micron Pigma Pen.
- Outlining Tip: Outline a picture by drawing alternating small wavy lines and dots every so often around the edges.

Miscellaneous Tips

- Make sure to let a paint color dry before starting with the next color. It sounds simplistic, but is important for a good look
- Always transfer your patterns before you begin cutting.

Floating

- Dip a #12 shading brush in water and blot excess water on paper towel.
- Load paint onto one corner of the brush.
- Holding the brush vertically, stroke back and forth on palette to blend paint.
- The color should appear strongest at the loaded edge and gradually fade to clear water on the other edge.
- If paint spreads all the way across you have too much water in the brush.
- This is an advanced technique and takes practice before use on a project.

Lettering

- Water down paint to ink consistency and use a fine (size 00) liner brush to letter.
- Lettering can be also be done with fine tip markers that are specially designed for wood. We suggest the Sakura I Denti-Pen or Micron Pigma Pen.
- **Lettering Tip:** Dot the ends of each letter. Dip the end of your paintbrush in the paint used and press it on the wood at ends of each letter. You will need to dip the brush in paint after each dot.

Sanding

- Always sand the wood being used for a project to prepare it for painting.
- A good sanding disk is a recommended tool.
- Use the fine side of the sanding disk to prepare wood before painting it.
- Sand all wood surfaces lightly in the direction of the grain until they are smooth to the touch.
- After sanding, wipe the dust off the wood using a damp cloth or paper towel.

Sanding Tip The rough side of the sanding disk can be used after the pain has dried to sand around the edges and reveal the raw wood for a rustic look.

Stipple

- Stippling is done by applying a small amount of paint to your stiff paint (stipple) brush, and tapping the end of the brush lightly on paper towel to remove excess paint and then tapping several times until a small amount of paint is on the wood piece.
- Repeat this process until you reach the desired shade.
- This method of painting works best if the paint on the end of the brush is quite dry.
- You may want to practice on paper towel first, before trying on the wood piece.

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