

KITCHEN CABINETS

Get a beautiful kitchen using Chalk Paint® by Annie Sloan



BEFORE GETTING STARTED

Clean the cabinets to remove grease then rinse with clear water and allow to dry. We like Krud Kutter but scrubbing with Dawn Diswashing Soap and water works just as well. The key here is to scrub off the grease and grime then rinse with clean water.

PAINTING BASICS

Paint in the way the cabinet doors are constructed. If the doors are typical five-piece construction: Start with the center panel, then proceed to the rails, and finally paint the stiles, using the brush to create a nice line where the rail joins the stile. Always follow the direction of the wood grain.

Use even brush strokes and don't overload the brush with paint. When painting the rails and stiles, remember to start painting on the edge furthest from the center panel and work your way in to avoid excess paint pooling where the panel joins the other components. Paint the edges at the same time you paint the rails and stiles.

TIP

Paint the lower cabinets first, by the time you get to the uppers (at eye level) you'll have mastered your technique.

PAINTING

Apply two or more coats of your chosen color. Work with a dampened brush or add just a small amount of water (about 5-10%) into the paint so the paint will flow nicely off the brush. This also helps to eliminate excessive brush marks. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying the next.

After each coat has dried, inspect the surface for any loose bristles stuck in the paint or any unsightly accumulation of paint along edges and in corners. If you wish, lightly sand with (Medium) 220 sandpaper then apply another coat of paint.

DISTRESSING (optional)

Once your final coat of paint has dried, lightly sand the edges and details with Medium (220 grit) sandpaper.

WAXING

Using an Annie Sloan Wax Brush, gently sweep a thin coat of Clear Soft Wax over the surface, using the tip of the brush to get the wax into any corners and detailed edges.

Use paper towel to remove the excess wax, and remember to switch to a clean towel when the one you are working with becomes clogged with wax. The waxed surface should feel cool and dry (not sticky or slimy).

Gently sand the waxed surface with Fine (400 grit) sandpaper then apply another light coat of wax.

Optional: For added protection, wait 5 days and apply another coat of wax.

ALLOW TO CURE

Allow the finish to cure approximately 30 days. This will cause the finish to harden and become more durable. You can use your cabinets while they cure, but avoid excess handling, extreme heat and moisture, and harsh cleaning products. When the curing process is complete, you should have a finish that you will enjoy for years to come!

TIP

From time to time you may want to refresh your cabinet finish on the high use areas. Simply apply a small amount of wax with an Annie Sloan Wax Brush or steel wool. Remove the excess wax with paper towel. Let dry, and gently buff. This method will also remove most stains & scuff marks.