

Dixie Belle Paint FAQ Sheet

Paint:

How do you paint with Dixie Belle Paint?

Dixie Belle Paint is very thick so a little goes a long way. The longer the lid stays off the thicker it will get. If you like a thinner look just add a little water and stir. Clean the item you want to paint with white lightning, take a damp brush, (you can use a chip brush, brushes designed for chalk painting) and paint. It will dry very quickly. Some items will need a second coat so after about 30 minutes add another coat.

How do I do a layered look?

Paint a base color and after it dries paint a second color. Use a 150-sanding sponge and start sanding away to let the base color show through.

How do you Distress or get that Shabby Chic look?

After you paint your piece of furniture take a 150 to 220 grit sandpaper to the edges and start sanding away. There's no effort at all because Dixie Belle paint distresses easily and quickly leaving behind a beautiful worn look.

Do you have to distress?

You do not have to distress. There is no right or wrong way to work with Dixie Belle Paint. A single coat or a two-coat piece of furniture is beautiful just the way it is!

Can you paint leather? Fabric?

Yes, Dixie Belle Paint is perfect for both fabrics. Lightly mist your fabric with water. (Do not over-saturate), and then paint like normal. You might have to do a second coat. When dry sand with 220 grit sanding sponge and your fabric will feel like leather.

My paint is chipping off. Why?

Chalk paint adheres to many surfaces. Some surfaces maybe a little trickier than others. Laminate or shiny slick surfaces should be scuffed first then cleaned Dixie Belle's amazing White Lightening. Then once you paint any surface you need to have the paint "cure" first which takes about 30 days.

Can I paint my kids' furniture with Dixie Belle Paint?

Dixie Belle Paint is non-toxic with no VOC's.

What is VOC?

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are organic chemicals that have a high vapor pressure at ordinary room temperature. Their high vapor pressure results from a low boiling point, which causes large numbers of molecules to evaporate or sublimate from the liquid or solid form of the compound and enter the surrounding air.

Can you paint walls?

Of course, you can paint walls. It is fun and easy. Try painting murals! Lots of fun!

What can you paint using Dixie Belle Paint?

You can paint just about anything with Dixie Belle. Glass, ceramics, wood, metal, plastic, fabric, concrete, walls, leather . . . did we leave anything out?!

Does Dixie Belle Paint have to be sealed?

No sealer required! Once Dixie Belle Paint has cured, after 30 days, it is durable just the way it is. You can paint and be done with it if you like the look.

Why should I buy Dixie Belle Paint when I can buy chalk paint at large “Big-Box” retailers?

We challenge anyone to compare our chalk paint against these chalk paint lines. Ours is so thick and creamy that when you do a comparison you are actually using a lot less paint when you use our brand.

How should I store my Dixie Belle Paint?

Our paint is water based, therefore should never be put in extreme temperature. Either freezing cold or very hot temperatures will harm the integrity of the paint.

Can you use Dixie Belle in a spray paint gun?

Yes, you can! You use a solution of 8 ounces of paint to 2 ounces of water (distilled) or Flotral (can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowe’s, etc.) and enjoy spray painting!

Does a piece of furniture with a gloss finish on it or a high gloss wax/sealant/ lacquer need to be sanded before it is painted?

Yes, you should scuff up the piece of furniture before painting!

How can I get rid of brush strokes?

It sounds like you may be using too much paint. Dixie Belle paint is very thick. A little bit goes a long way. Here are a couple of suggestions/tips:

- ✚ You can control the paint and lessen the appearance of strokes by using some water to thin your paint.
- ✚ Painting in one direction with longer strokes helps, too.
- ✚ You can also perform a light sanding in between coats and after your final coat to smooth the appearance.

Don't focus so much on the strokes. Keep in mind that it's not unusual to have stroke marks with chalk mineral paint. It's made to give a piece a unique look, this includes some brush strokes. Don't get frustrated, as it dries they usually lighten up and/or go away. Again, you can always lightly sand or buff your piece once it is completely dry to smooth it out.

How far can Dixie Belle Go?

A quart of Dixie Belle paint will cover @150 square feet. Therefore, an 8-ounce is @ 38 square feet of coverage and 16-ounce is @ 75 square feet of coverage. To put this more into perspective – A hutch which is 37” wide and 68” tall would need less than an 8 Oz container of paint, depending on how you paint of course. You can paint an entire dining room table and a couple of chairs with an 8 Oz container if you are a light painter.

Now depending on the style of your painting, you may even get more surface coverage out of our paint or less if you are a heavy-handed painter.

Did you know that our Dixie Belle chalk mineral paint goes twice as far as regular acrylic paint?

One of our customers documented her coverage with a 32 Oz of Dixie Belle and this is what she could complete: 3 dressers with mirrors, 2 chests of drawers, 2 night stands and 1 headboard. That is eight pieces of furniture out of just one quart of Dixie Belle Paint!

How many coats of paint will I need?

If you're painting with a darker color, a single coat will usually do. If it's a lighter color, you will probably need two. Often, depending on the size of the piece you're working on, by the time you're finished with the first coat, the place you started is already dry so you can just keep going!

Do I need to prep the surface before painting?

Your piece should be free of dirt, dust, and grime before painting. We recommend Dixie Belle's White Lightning.

Clear Coat:

Is there a trick to putting on Clear Coat?

It is important to use a damp paint brush, and apply a very thin coat. Do not work your brush back and forth, just one stroke. After about an hour it should be dry and then you can apply a second coat to make it even.

Do you put on Clear Coat first or Glaze first?

There is no right or wrong way so do this. It depends on the look you want to achieve. Dixie Belle Paint is porous by nature, so if you want an uneven look for example in cavities or detailed areas, then glaze first. If you want an even smooth look, i.e. flat surfaces, then clear coat first and then glaze.

My clear coat is "yellowing", what happened?

It is not the clear coat, sometimes the furniture you are working on has many things that might be causing it. It could have a heavy stain, varnish or it could have been in a house that had heavy smokers, etc. When you apply the clear coat over your painted piece, it actually pulls up the stains or tannins. If your piece was exposed to smoke or is an older cherry or mahogany, we recommend Dixie Belle's BOSS stain blocker before painting. No worries, now that you have clear coated the piece it will seal it and then re-paint.

Can I re-paint over the Clear Coat or Glaze?

Yes! If you glaze or clear coat something and it doesn't come out the way you like, simply paint over it!

Wax:

How do you use Easy Peasy Spray Wax?

Shake the bottle, use a light mist on the furniture; take a lint free cloth and wipe. Repeat at least 2 more times. As with any wax, this should be repeated every 6 to 9 months.

Should I use Easy Peasy Spray Wax before or after Clear Coat?

Both products are water-based and are interchangeable. You can use one or both but it is not necessary to use both.

Can I paint over something that has been waxed?

Items that have been waxed are sometimes tricky to work with. Most times wax should be removed by using either mineral spirits or sandpaper. However with Dixie Belle's Easy Peasy Wax, you can paint right over it because it is water based.

Gator Hide:

How to Use Gator Hide:

Allow your finished piece to completely dry. Using a dry blue sponge applicator, sponge on a thin layer of Gator Hide. Let dry. After 2 hours, re-apply, let dry 2 hours and repeat this up to 3 thin layers to get the water repellent finish. A 48-hour dry time is recommended.

This is great for tables, cabinets and counter tops!

Can Gator Hide go over Clear Coat?

Yes, you can apply Gator Hide over the Clear Coat. Just make sure that the clear coat is good and dry before adding the Gator Hide.

Why should I use Gator Hide instead of Satin Clear Coat?

Gator Hide is designed to be EXTRA tough just like hide. If you have a high traffic area, cabinets, or counter tops you need sealed, Gator Hide is the best product to use. The water will roll off... just like a Gator's Hide!

Patina Paint, Patina Spray, and Prime Start:

How do I apply the Patina Paint & Spray?

Step 1: Clean surface with White Lightning or warm soap and water, then rinse.

Step 2: Base Coat

- ✚ If surface is anything other than metal, apply a coat of Dixie Belle Paint, let dry
- ✚ If surface is metal, apply a coat of Prime Start
- ✚ Prime Start contains an acid blocker to stop the rust/patina from “eating” through the Patina Paint and degrading the metal

Step 3: Apply Patina Paint

SHAKE WELL! Patina Paint is chock full of ground metal, which will sink to the bottom. Shaking is a MUST!

Using your brush of choice, apply one coat of Patina Paint, let dry. The initial coat will be thin, that’s OK, don’t panic 😊

Once the first coat is dry, apply a second coat of Patina Paint.

Step 4: Apply Patina Spray

While 2nd coat of Patina Paint is STILL WET, spray a misting of Patina Spray.

Sit back and watch the magic!! It can take 2-6 hours to reach full effect.

No sealing necessary. Sometime surfaces will have that “chalky” feel and the patina rubs off. To stop this, after everything completely dry, run a damp rag over the surface and let dry.

Instructions for spraying Patina Paint:

Patina Paint can be applied using any technique such as air sprayer, roller, sponge, brush, etc. If using an air gun sprayer, filter first and spray at 40-60 psi with a 1.5 orifice tip. Apply at least 2 coats with dry time in between. If you need more time, you can spray isopropyl alcohol on the surface of the Patina Paint. This will give you about 20 more minutes of working time to keep your metal coating damp until you are ready to apply the patina.

B.O.S.S.:

What is B.O.S.S?

BOSS is a water based odor and stain blocker. It tackles tough stains including bleed thru, smoke, nicotine, felt tip marker, tannins and more. BOSS also seals smoke odors.

Conditions of B.O.S.S.:

As always, surface must be free of dust, grease, wax, peeling paint, mold, and mildew. Clean first with Dixie Belle White Lightning, rinse and allow to dry. Glossy surfaces; scuff sand the surface thoroughly.

Dry Time @ 77°F, 50% relative humidity: to the touch- 30 minutes; to paint- 1 hour.

Clean up is easy as soap and warm water.

Best use is in temperatures between 50° and 90° F.

Warning! Harmful if swallowed; if swallowed rinse mouth and get medical attention if you feel unwell. If in eyes; rinse with water for several minutes and remove contacts.

Brushes:

How do you clean paint brushes?

Warm water and soap.

[Have more questions about our paint products? No worries...just email/call us and we'll get back to you!](#)