

4 HOMEMADE CHALKY PAINT RECIPES

Baking Soda Chalky Paint Recipe

1 cup of latex paint
½ cup of baking soda
3 tablespoons of water

Plaster of Paris Chalky Paint Recipe

1 cup of latex paint
2 ½ tablespoons of Plaster of Paris
1½ tablespoons of cool water

Unsanded Grout Chalky Paint Recipe

1 cup of latex paint
2 tablespoons of unsanded grout
1 tablespoon of cool water

Calcium Carbonate Chalky Paint Recipe

1 cup of latex paint
2 tablespoons of Calcium Carbonate
1 tablespoon of water

MIXING DIRECTIONS

1. Mix the powder and water first, making sure there are no lumps, until it is a smooth paste.
 2. Add mixture a little at a time into your premeasured paint and mix well. A wisk or paint mixing attachment for a drill works well. Make sure the powder is completely dissolved.
 3. Even though chalky paint requires no prep work, be sure to clean all surfaces well. A light sanding is recommended to be sure the paint adheres well.
 4. After paint dries, add a thin coat of wax and buff.
- * Your homemade chalky paint mixture should be the consistency of pancake batter with no lumps of powder. Don't use a paint + primer in one paint.

RECIPES COMPARED

Baking soda

- chalky, thick and easy to work with, smooth
- good coverage
- works well as a wash
- least expensive

Plaster of Paris

- most popular recipe, stores well
- needs more stirring (possible clumps)
- less chalky
- inexpensive

Unsanded Grout

- very chalky finish with a rougher texture
- good coverage
- dries quickly, hardens if stored
- more expensive

Calcium Carbonate

- fine powder - mixes well, less clumpy, smooth
- doesn't harden after mixing
- all natural
- may get some bleed-through
- works well in paint sprayers due to consistency