



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Leather Studio™ paint?

Leather Studio™ is an acrylic-based craft paint that is designed to add color and design to most leather or vinyl surfaces. When applied to these surfaces, Leather Studio paint creates a strong, yet flexible film.

What type of project surfaces can I paint it on?

Leather Studio™ paint can be applied to either brand new surfaces, or older used surfaces in need of an uplift! Perfect leather or vinyl project surfaces include shoes, boots, purses, tote bags, vintage suitcases to name a few.

Are there any surfaces not suited for Leather Studio™ paint?

Leather Studio™ is not recommended for suede, patent leather, satin, cracked or waterproofed shoes and accessories. Do not use Leather Studio™ paints on other items such as furniture, automobile seats, etc. Also if a vinyl surface feels sticky or spongy, Leather Studio™ paint may not adhere.

What supplies are necessary to have on hand when painting with Leather Studio™ paint?

- Leather Studio™ Premium, soft Taklon bristle paintbrushes
- Leather Studio™ Foam brushes or teardrop sponges for basecoating
- Foam plate or disposable palette
- Paper towels, Cotton balls, Cotton swabs
- Optional Supplies: Window Cleaner, Fine grit sandpaper, Neutral shoe polish or Furniture polish

How should I prepare my project surface before painting with Leather Studio™ paints?

All surfaces, new or used should be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water. No need to totally immerse your vinyl or leather surface, simply moisten a cloth with warm water and mild soap; wipe over surface to clean removing all impurities. Allow to dry.

What if my project surface has a waxy, highly-polished finish or polish build-up?

Some items may have a waxy finish or perhaps a surface ready to be upcycled may have a shoe polish build-up. It is best to prepare these surfaces before painting with Leather Studio paints. Sanding the surface lightly with fine grit sandpaper will provide better adhesion for Leather Studio paints. Wipe sanded surface with a damp cloth to remove sanding residue. Another helpful hint when working with highly-polished finishes is to wipe the surface with a cotton swab damped with window cleaner; allow to dry.



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What recommendations are there when selecting Leather Studio™ paint colors?

All colors of Leather Studio™ paint are developed to cover any surface color. Most paint colors will cover in one to two applications. A helpful hint: light paint colors work best over light surfaces; and dark paint colors over dark surfaces. When painting a light color over a dark surface, it is recommended to first basecoat with white paint for best results.

How should I apply Leather Studio™ paint to my project surface?

Squeeze a small amount of Leather Studio™ paint onto a foam plate or disposable palette. Using a soft bristled paintbrush or foam brush, apply paint using long, smooth strokes applied in the same direction; starting along the edges. Work quickly and do not try to get perfect coverage with the first coat. Overworking the strokes as the paint is drying will cause the strokes to drag pulling color off of the surface. Let paint dry for at least one hour or until it feels dry to the touch before applying additional coat(s).

Can Leather Studio™ paint colors mixed together?

Yes, Leather Studio paints can be mixed with one another to create a new color or values of the same color.

Can I thin Leather Studio™ paints with water?

Leather Studio paints can be thinned with water, however, too much water and you will compromise the paint's adhesion properties.

Can I mix other mediums with Leather Studio™ paint?

Never mix mediums or alcohol with Leather Studio™ paint as it will break down the paint and make it not as flexible.

How should I apply Leather Studio™ paints?

When painting vinyl and leather surfaces with Leather Studio paints, a thin application of paint is best.

Can I use a stencil when creating with Leather Studio™ paints?

Yes, Leather Studio™ paints work beautifully with stencils and even better with flexible, adhesive stencils. However, because the paint will dry as a film on the stencil, all stencils should be cleaned immediately while Leather Studio paints are wet with warm soapy water. If Leather Studio™ paints have dried to the stencil, rubbing alcohol may assist in cleaning the stencil.



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How should I clean my brushes and tools after painting with Leather Studio™ paints?

Clean all brushes and tools while paint is still wet with warm soapy water. Rinse well, reshape your brushes and allow to dry.

How long does it take projects painted with Leather Studio™ paints to dry?

Allow all Leather Studio painted project surfaces to dry at least 24 hours before using.

When will my Leather Studio™ paint project surface be cured?

Your Leather Studio painted project will be fully cured 48 hours after completion.

When cured, will my Leather Studio™ project surface be water resistant?

A Leather Studio painted project will be water resistant when cured, however, it is NOT waterproof.

Do I need to add a sealer for additional protection?

To further protect your painted surface, you may polish the surface with a neutral shoe polish or any type of household furniture polish. Apply following manufacturer's instructions.

Over time, will Leather Studio™ paint crack or peel?

Leather Studio™ paint is very flexible and will bend, however, it is a product that is being applied over a flexible surface. In surface areas where a lot of flexing occurs, the leather or vinyl may begin to crack. If this occurs simply bend back the cracking area and fill in with desired color of paint.

How shall I clean my cured Leather Studio™ paint projects?

Completed and cured Leather Studio projects can be washed lightly wiping over the painted surface with a moistened cloth using mild soap and water.