



Vintage Paint

Inspiration & How-To

TRANSFORM DOORS WITH STYLE

• STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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WHY REFRESH YOUR DOORS?

Dear home restyling enthusiast,

Giving your doors a makeover is a **rewarding DIY journey** that combines creativity, patience, and attention to detail.

Refreshing interior (or even exterior) doors is an easy, **budget-friendly** way to transform your home without the cost and hassle of replacement.

A simple coat of Vintage Paint can completely change the atmosphere of a room, bringing warmth, style, and personality to spaces that once felt ordinary.

This is the perfect solution for doors that are high quality but outdated, worn, or mismatched with your current décor.

Dark brown doors that once felt heavy or dated can instantly come to life, becoming statement features that enhance the flow and charm of your home.

With the right steps and a bit of care, even the most overlooked architectural elements can turn into striking, decorative details that reflect your personal style.

We are delighted to guide you with this brief but inspiring guide, walking you through each step to achieve a **successful door makeover** with Vintage Paint and sparking your creativity along the way.

Let's create something beautiful!



PLANNING

01

Start with one door:

if this is your first makeover, focus on a single door. This way, any mistakes happen there, and you'll gain the right technique for the others, saving paint, time, and effort. Avoid taking on too many doors at once, especially if you're working alone or have limited space, to keep the process manageable and stress-free.

02

Invest in good tools:

*the right brush and roller will help you achieve a **professional-looking finish**. Trying to save money on your tools is an illusion — low-quality brushes or rollers can lead to streaks, uneven coverage, and other unwelcome surprises, ultimately costing you more time and effort to fix.*

03

Be patient with drying times:

a door makeover should last for years, so take your time. Proper drying between coats is crucial for durability.





04

Choose the right color:

select a tone that harmonizes with your floors and furniture, highlighting the strengths of your home.

Always check the Vintage Paint hand-painted color chart and test your shade on paper before deciding. If needed, you can adjust it by mixing other Vintage Paint colors.



EXTRA TIPS

01

Handles and hinges

Clean handles with a simple homemade polish: mix about ½ cup of white vinegar with 2 tablespoons of fine salt to make a paste and gently rub it on. For hinges, dissolve ½ cup of ammonia with 2–3 tablespoons of baking soda in 1 liter of warm water and soak or wipe with a cloth. If you wish, you can also repaint them in metallic Vintage shades or in a color coordinated with the door.

02

Doors with glass panels

If your door has glass inserts, you can paint them with Vintage Paint. The glass becomes a decorative surface: you can cover it completely for a uniform look, highlight it with color, or leave partial transparency for a softer effect. Even a simple door with glass details gains unique character. If you prefer to leave the glass visible, remember to carefully protect it with masking tape and newspaper during both painting and finishing steps, to prevent any damage or unwanted stains. It is also possible to leave the glass visible and create a decoration on it, for example, a stencil with Vintage Paint.





PREPARATION

01

Remove and position the door:

*whenever possible, we recommend removing the door and placing it **horizontally** before painting.*

Working this way makes everything easier: no drips, no paint build-ups, and a smoother, more even finish.

*A simple **tip**: write the door number, the room it belongs to, and the opening side directly on the door before taking it down — this will make putting it back in place effortless.*

Choose a calm, stable

environment to work in: *avoid cold or damp spaces, drafts, or direct sunlight. Your paint will thank you, and so will your final result.*

If for any reason removing the door isn't an option, don't worry — you can still go ahead with your project.

02

Remove handles and hardware:

just remember to remove handles and fittings for a neater finish. If that's not possible, simply protect them with masking tape.

03

Fill imperfections:

use filler to repair cracks, let it dry, sand smooth.

04

Thorough cleaning:

this step makes all the difference! Doors often hide layers of stubborn dirt, so giving the surface a deep clean is essential before painting.

*A simple **homemade solution** works wonders: mix warm water, half a cup of ammonia, and a few tablespoons of baking soda. Wipe the surface two or three times, rinsing well each time, until it feels perfectly clean and fresh.*

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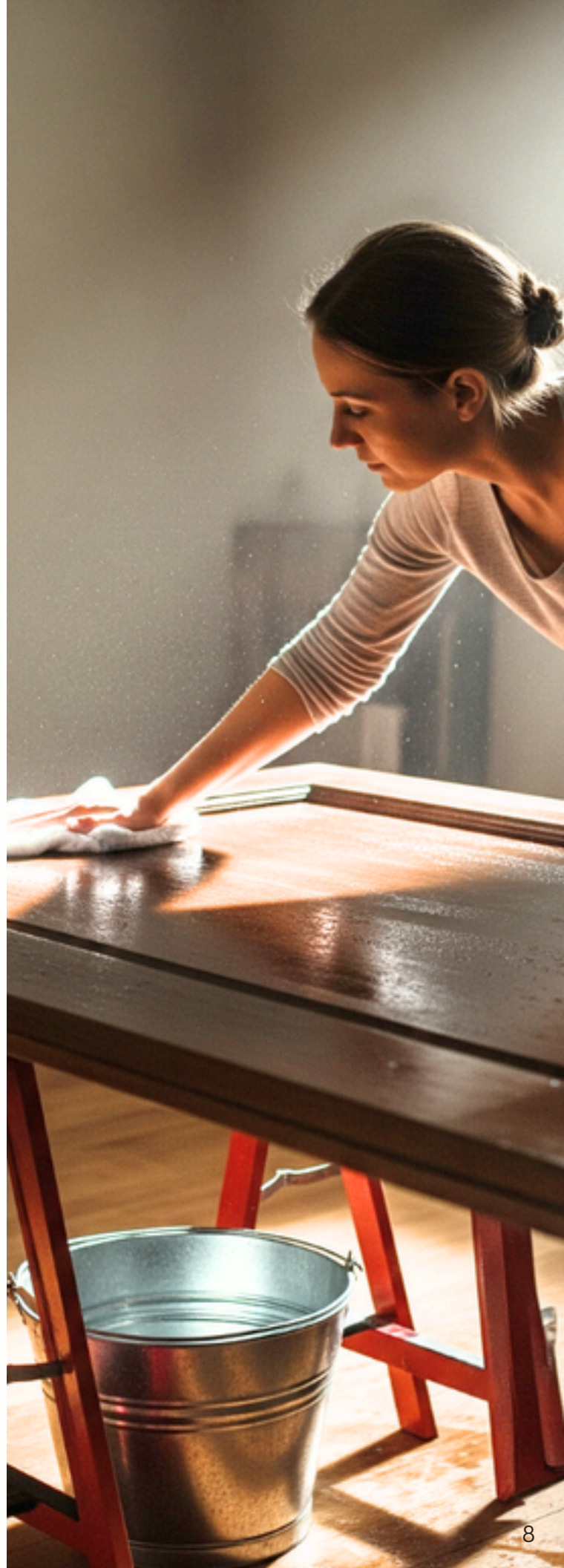
Light sanding:

take an abrasive sponge — even a simple kitchen one will do — and lightly go over the surface. This gentle “scratch” will help the paint grip better and ensure a more beautiful, lasting finish. And if your door is very glossy or lacquered, don’t worry. Just apply a coat of Vintage Primer & Sealer first, and you’ll create the perfect foundation for your transformation.

06

Prepare the paint:

stir Vintage Paint thoroughly, from the bottom upward, with circular movements to evenly distribute pigments.





PAINTING

Q1

Brush or roller?

*Both can be your allies! The roller gives a clean, modern look, while the brush lets you reach every little molding and detail. The magic often lies in **combining the two**: brush for the details, roller for the wide open spaces. A simple **trick**: apply the paint with a brush, then glide a roller over it to smooth out the surface and erase brush strokes, leaving everything soft and even. For the best results, we suggest a flat Vintage Paint brush in the right size and a high-density foam roller. Remember to dampen the roller slightly and squeeze it well before use — a moist roller works with you, spreading the paint more beautifully. Let the roller do its job: don't press too hard and don't drag the paint. Work in calm, steady strips across the surface. This way, the paint will naturally self-level, giving you that silky, velvety finish that looks like it was sprayed on. And keep a damp cloth handy — little drips can happen, but with one quick wipe, they're gone!*

Q2

Technique:

depending on the tool you're using, you can play with soft crisscross brush strokes or smooth, flowing roller movements.

Just remember one simple rule: don't go back over the areas that are already starting to dry. This way, your finish will stay even, smooth, and beautifully uniform. You can also apply with the brush, then roll over for a smooth, even surface. Use a flat Vintage Paint brush and a high-density foam roller. Dampen the roller slightly before use for better paint absorption and smoother coverage.

03

Coats:

*in most cases, **2–3 coats** are all you need for perfect coverage. Keep in mind that very light colors may need a little extra care, as they contain fewer pigments. If you're dreaming of turning a dark brown door into a crisp white one, consider starting with a coat of our white **Vintage Stain Blocker**. This special base helps block stains and tannins, making it easier to achieve a beautiful, even white finish with fewer coats of paint.*

04

Drying times:

*drying times matter. Allow **4–6 hours** between coats and let the paint rest. Patience here makes all the difference: if you rush, you risk streaks, marks, or little imperfections, and the finish won't last as long. Giving the paint the right time to settle ensures a smooth, flawless result that will stay beautiful over time.*



05

Protection: protection is the secret to lasting beauty. We recommend applying 2–3 coats of a protective finish — either **clear varnish or wax** — and allowing plenty of time between each layer (at least 5–6 hours). If your door is in a busy home, with children or pets running around, choose our **Ultra Matt Varnish**. It gives extra resistance while keeping the soft, velvety look you love.



*Ultra Matt
varnish*



700 ml - 200 ml



Natural wax



1 l - 300 ml - 35 g

Design Inspiration



Forest Green

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Natural White



White-on-White – the All-White look

White doors on white walls create a seamless, airy effect. This style, ideal for Scandinavian or minimalist interiors, adds brightness, purity, and a sense of spaciousness. Within the Vintage Paint range you'll find several shades of white to choose from, each with its own personality.

Warm Cream, a cosy warm white, perfect for classic or country interiors, **Natural White**, a bright optical white, fresh and modern, ideal for minimal or contemporary spaces, **Antique Cream**, a cool white, elegant and sophisticated, that adds refinement to more stylish settings.



Door in the same color as the wall

Painting the door the same shade as the wall makes it almost disappear, blending perfectly into the architecture. This trick creates continuity, harmony, and a sleek, modern feel. It works particularly well in open-plan homes or smaller rooms, where

visual flow is essential to avoid a cluttered look. By eliminating strong contrasts, the space feels more spacious, balanced, and elegant — a simple yet powerful design choice that enhances both minimal and contemporary interiors.



White door with a bold-colored wall

Pairing a crisp white door with a richly colored wall creates a striking and contemporary contrast. The purity of the white amplifies the depth of the chosen shade, making the color appear more vibrant and sophisticated. In this way, the

door becomes part of the décor — almost like a frame that highlights the wall itself. This combination works beautifully with both bold, saturated tones and softer, muted shades, ensuring balance and elegance.



Wallpapered door

For a truly unique design touch, use one of the wallpapers from the Vintage collection. Apply it to the central panel and paint only the outer frame in a coordinating shade. The result is a refined, custom piece that ties in with patterns already used in the

room, ensuring perfect harmony between walls, furniture, and details.

Each wallpaper in the Vintage collection is designed to perfectly coordinate with the Vintage Paint colors, making it easy to create a seamless and elegant look.



Chalkboard door

Transform your door into a chalkboard — with Vintage Paint you can do it in any color, not just black. Thanks to its chalky base, the surface can be written on, erased, and rewritten endlessly. Perfect for kitchens (shopping lists, weekly menus) or kids’

rooms, where little ones can unleash their creativity. To create your chalkboard door, simply paint it with your chosen Vintage Paint color and protect it with Vintage Natural clear Wax to extend its durability.



Warm Latte

Door with wood grain effects

You can also recreate the look of natural wood grain on a door, giving the impression of a solid wood piece with visible veins. Using a combination of Vintage Paint colors and a wood-graining tool, it's possible to mimic the texture and depth of real wood.

You can choose darker or lighter brown tones depending on your personal taste and the style of your space, creating a warm, elegant, and highly realistic finish that transforms even a plain door into a statement piece.



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Antique Rose

Elegance in stripes

Striped designs are a timeless and versatile way to give new character to a door. They can be created in soft, neutral tones for a refined and classic look, or in bold, vibrant colors to make a striking style statement. Painting stripes is easier than it looks, but it

does require care and precision. With the help of a high-quality delicate masking tape, you can achieve sharp, clean lines and a flawless finish that will instantly elevate your door's design.



Art on your door

A door doesn't just have to be functional — it can become the true centerpiece of a room. With the right creative techniques, it transforms into a work of art that adds personality and style. There are countless ways to decorate: from transfer designs to

decoupage papers, or even stamps from renowned brands like ReDesign and HokusPokus. Each choice lets you create a unique and eye-catching effect, turning an ordinary door into an extraordinary statement piece.



Door with patterned design

A door can be so much more than a plain surface — with stencils or Vintage decorative rollers, it becomes a canvas for refined patterns and timeless charm. This simple technique allows you to create intricate designs effortlessly, bringing depth

and character to any room. Whether you prefer subtle tones for a classic feel or bolder contrasts for a modern touch, decorating with stencils or rollers is an easy way to turn your door into a stylish focal point.



Door with Woodwill decorative moulding

Transform an ordinary door into something truly unforgettable with Woodwill decorative mouldings. This wide collection offers an incredible variety of designs and sizes, so you can choose the perfect motif to match your style. Simply glue the

moulding in place and hold it with gentle masking tape until the adhesive sets, then paint it with your favourite Vintage Paint colour. In just a few easy steps, your door gains depth, texture, and a timeless charm that makes it anything but flat or ordinary.



Dare to go bold

Choosing a strong, unexpected colour for a door may feel intimidating at first, but bold shades have the power to transform an entire space. A vibrant door instantly becomes a statement piece, adding personality and depth while “furnishing” the

room with colour alone. Bright or unusual hues work especially well as focal points in otherwise neutral interiors, where they create a sense of balance and energy, without overwhelming the space.

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Antique Green
Available in 2.5L



Moss Green



Olive Green



Dusty Green
Available in 2.5L



Dusty Olive



Forest Green



Light Petrol



Dusty Turquoise



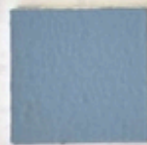
Old Turquoise



Baby Blue



Powder Blue



Dusty Blue



Petrol Blue



Ocean Blue
Available in 2.5L



Royal Blue



Timeless Teal



Nobby Navy



Black Velvet

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Antique Cream
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Soft Sand
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Vintage Cream
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Soft Beige
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Old beige
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Vintage tea



Antique sand



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Amazing Ash

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Faded Rose



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Delightful Plum



Rusty Red



Faded Lavender



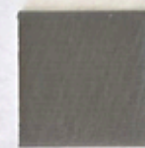
French Lavender



Dark Lavender



Warm Latte
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French Grey
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Vintage Brown



Dark Powder



Warm Brown



Chocolate Brown

BRIGHT HARMONIOUS COLOURS

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Lavish Lime



Cheerful Cherry



Posh Plum



Warm Red



Bright Orange



Graceful Green



Warm Yellow



Bright Green



Warm Blue



Pretty Peach



Rusty Orange



Marvellous Mustard



Dusty Rose



Vintage Red



Dark Purple



Metallic Gold



Metallic Bronze



Metallic Silver

From our hands to yours

In a fast world, painting slows us down. It helps us reconnect—with materials, with our creativity, and with ourselves.

We hope this guide gave you the confidence to begin, and the joy of continuing.

Your home is your canvas. Let each project be a celebration of who you are.

Thank you for choosing Vintage Paint.

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