

# ANDREW MARTIN

## TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS

### 1. EQUIPMENT

- Use only synthetic brushes and rollers.
- For airless spray application, dilute Matt, Low Sheen or Satin 25%. In all instances seek technical guidance from the manufacturers of the spray equipment.

### 2. DECANTING

- Ensure you have the right paint for the surface to be decorated.
- Decant the paint to be used into a paint kettle or paint tray. Do not use paint straight from the pail.
- Clean rim of pail and reseal with pail lid once paint to be used has been decanted.
- Avoid returning paint from trays and kettles to the pail to avoid risk of contamination.

### 3. NEW SURFACES

- When applying to new plaster, ensure plaster is fully dry following the manufacturer's instructions. Apply one thinned coat of your chosen Andrew Martin top coat as a mist coat, first diluting by no more than 25%.
- New timber surfaces should be knotted.
- Prime new timber surfaces with one coat of Andrew Martin Matt or Low Sheen.
- Prime plastics, metals and laminates with one coat of a quality primer fit for purpose.

### 4. USE OF FILLER AND CAULKS

- The use of powdered fillers such as Polyfiller, Tetrion or similar are not recommended.
- For best results use Easifill, Red Devil, Onetime or two pack fillers for wood.
- Spot prime fillers with a thinned coat of your chosen Andrew Martin top coat diluted up to 25%.
- Allow caulk and fillers to dry fully in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, before painting.

### 5. PREVIOUSLY COATED SURFACES

Primers, undercoats and mist coats are not required when applying Andrew Martin products to previously coated surfaces including oil / solvent based coatings, when cleaned as follows:

- Clean surfaces fully with sugar soap to remove any grease or other contaminants.
- Use an antifungal cleaner to remove any surface mould. + Do not attempt to remove grease or other contaminants by sanding only.
- Once cleaned, lightly sand surface to form a key and then clean with a lint free cloth.

### 6. DRYING TIME

- Drying times will vary based on temperature and humidity.
- Andrew Martin products can be re-coated as soon as they are touch dry, usually between 20 minutes and one hour.



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### 7. TEMPERATURE

- Andrew Martin products can be applied in temperatures between 5°C and 30°C.
- Where air temperatures are 5°C, some surface temperatures such as metal are likely to be much lower. Avoid application on surfaces that are below 5°C.

### 8. PROTECTION

- No breathing apparatus or other personal protection is needed for the use of our products. However, it is recommended that cotton or cotton / synthetic overalls or coveralls are used. In the unlikely event that you experience any skin sensitivity to Andrew Martin products please refer to our safety data sheets.
- Whilst good practice to use in a ventilated space, it is not essential for our products to need good ventilation when used.
- When applying with spray equipment, follow manufacturers guidance on protection and ventilation. Andrew Martin products are engineered not to splatter when in use, however we recommend the use of appropriate drop sheets to protect other nearby surfaces.

### 9. CLEAN UP

- All Andrew Martin products are water-based, 100% pure acrylic.
- Tools and equipment can be easily cleaned with fresh clean water and without detergents.

- Any residue of paint left in pails should be left to dry and go hard.
- Once hard, simply dispose of with normal waste.

### 10. STORAGE

- To avoid spillage, always store and transport in a secure upright position.
- Ensure that after use, rims of pails are cleaned, and lids properly refitted and sealed to avoid contamination.
- Only store Andrew Martin products in their original pails.
- Store all Andrew Martin products between 5°C and 25°C away from direct heat and sunlight.
- Products that are unopened can be stored at least two years.
- Opened and part used pails must have the lid securely and correctly fitted, and no contamination should be allowed to enter the paint.
- All products will need to be stirred thoroughly prior to use following extended periods of time in storage. For full detailed information see the product information sheets and safety data sheets.

