

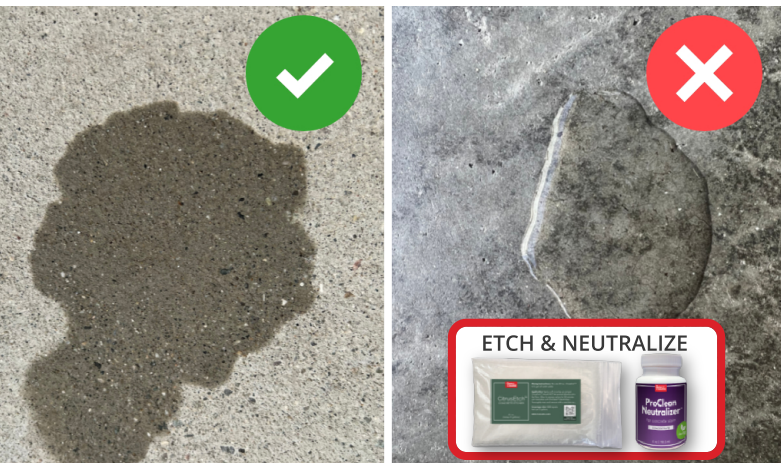
ANTIQUING™

CONCRETE STAIN



ANTIQUING™ HOW-TO GUIDE

Concrete must be cured for 30 days before applying Antiquing™



STEP 1: ABSORPTION TEST

- Pour water on concrete.
- Wait 5 minutes.
- If water doesn't soak in, clean and use CitrusEtch™ to etch surface (see CitrusEtch™ How-To Guide for details)
- If concrete absorbs water, it's suitable for Antiquing™ stain application after completing Step 2.

STEP 2: CLEAN SURFACE

- Remove all dirt, dust, residues, paint, adhesives, and oils from the surface to ensure proper Antiquing™ adhesion.
- If stripping is necessary, use a suitable stripping product that is safe for your specific surface.
- In case of heavily stained or soiled areas, consider using a pressure washer to remove stubborn dirt and grime.
- For surfaces with previous sealer applications, it is necessary to strip the old sealer before applying Antiquing™ stain.
- Allow the surface to dry completely before stain application.



TOOLS FOR THE JOB



STEP 3: ANTIQUING™ STAIN APPLICATION

- Antiquing™ Stain is a semi-transparent concrete stain designed for outdoor use.
- Please note that it will not cover imperfections like paint would.
- The coverage rate is approximately 200 square feet per gallon (two thin coats), although this may vary based on the concrete texture, surface porosity, and application method.

CAUTION: Antiquing™ is flammable, harmful if swallowed, or inhaled. Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Store and use with adequate ventilation, allowing airflow to disperse vapors. Before applying Antiquing™, open windows and doors and extinguish all open flames such as gas appliance pilot lights, candles, etc. Do not smoke, use a lighter or matches, or anything that could cause a potential spark.



OPTION 1: SPRAYING METHOD (BEST FOR LARGE PROJECTS)

- Remove pump-up sprayer filters.
- Shake the Antiquing™ bottle thoroughly before use.
- Pour Antiquing™ stain into the sprayer.
- Spray two thin coats on the surface using circular motions and overlapping patterns. Frequently shake the sprayer side-to-side to keep the color mixed.
- Start at the farthest corner and work your way towards an exit. There is no need to wait for the first coat to dry before applying the second.
- Allow the stain to dry completely for at least 8 hours before proceeding to sealer application.



SPRAYER APPLICATION



SPONGE APPLICATION

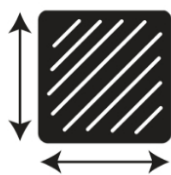
STEP 4: SEAL

- Choose a sealer: AcquaSeal™ Water-Based Acrylic Sealer (low VOC, water-based, clear) or EasySeal™ Solvent-Based Acrylic Sealer (strong fumes, clear sealer that deepens stain colors).
- Note: EasySeal™ will make the stain colors deeper than the corresponding AcquaSeal™ finish (satin and gloss).
- Apply two thin coats of the chosen sealer.
- Refer to AcquaSeal™ and EasySeal™ How-To Guides for additional application instructions.

OPTION 2: FOAM BRUSH OR SPONGE (BEST FOR SMALLER PROJECTS OR MULTI-COLOR PATTERNS)

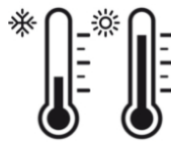
- Shake the Antiquing™ bottle well before use.
- For bottles larger than 4 ounces, pour a small amount into a separate container. If using a 4-ounce bottle, dip the foam brush directly into the bottle.
- Submerge and saturate a foam brush or sponge in the Antiquing™ stain, and apply the stain to the surface using the foam brush or sponge.
- Shake the Antiquing™ bottle well before pouring more for the next batch or before re-dipping the brush if using the 4-ounce size.
- Allow the stain to dry completely for at least 8 hours before proceeding to sealer application.

Note: As the stain dries, colors may appear faint, but they will pop and become more vibrant once sealed. Sealing is crucial! If Antiquing™ Stain is not sealed, it will get washed off. To ensure long-lasting results, always follow the provided instructions for sealing the stained surface.



Coverage per Gallon:
Approximately 200 Sq. Ft.
2 Thin Coats
Recommended

Approx. Dry Time:
8 Hr. Sealer Application



Temperature Range:
Apply Between
40°F (4°C) and
95°F (35°C)

Tools Clean-Up:
Odorless Mineral Spirits



MAINTENANCE

- Exterior surfaces should be resealed every 2-3 years.
- Resealing frequency depends on weather conditions and use.

Disclaimer: Direct Colors does not provide a warranty for the outcomes of using their products. Results may vary due to concrete variations or improper application, so it is recommended to test the product on a small inconspicuous area before full application. This allows for checking the compatibility and ensuring the desired outcome before fully curing the product.

AcquaSeal™

- Water-based
- Low odor
- Low VOC
- 12-hour dry time
- Color enhancement

EasySeal™

- Solvent-based
- Strong fumes
- Higher VOC
- 8-hour dry time
- Intense color enhancement

