



How to Use the Portico™ Stain Trial Kit

The Portico™ Stain Trial Kit is an easy-to-use product designed to help you test different stain colors on surfaces before committing to a particular color. The kit includes three colors of your choice, one sealer, and four foam application brushes. To achieve the best results and accurately assess the final color, follow these step-by-step instructions.

CAUTION: Portico™ 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 Portico™, 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.

Steps:

1. **Choose an inconspicuous area:** Select a small, hidden area on the surface you plan to stain. This will allow you to test the colors without impacting the overall appearance of your project.
2. **Clean the surface:** Remove any dirt, dust, or debris from the surface to ensure proper stain adhesion and color representation. Use a gentle cleaner and avoid any harsh chemicals that could damage the surface.
3. **Allow to dry completely:** Wait for the surface to completely dry before moving on to the next step. This will prevent any moisture from interfering with the stain application and drying process.
4. **Shake the Portico™ Stain bottle:** Vigorously shake the 4-ounce stain bottle to mix the stain and ensure any pigment settled at the bottom is evenly distributed.
5. **Saturate the foam applicator:** Dip the foam applicator brush into the bottle and saturate it completely with the stain.



How to Use the Portico™ Stain Trial Kit

6. **Apply two coats of stain:** Using the saturated foam applicator, apply one coat of the stain to the surface. Allow it to dry before applying a second coat. This will ensure full coverage and proper color representation.
7. **Allow to dry:** Let the stain dry completely, which will take at least 8 hours. The color may appear faint after drying, but don't worry – it will become more vibrant once the sealer is applied. Be patient and allow the stain to dry for the recommended time to achieve the best results.
8. **Apply the sealer:** The sealer is an essential part of the process, as it locks the color in place and provides the actual final color. Apply the sealer evenly over the stained area using a clean foam applicator brush.

IMPORTANT: The color stain will wash off if the sealer is not applied. Skipping the sealer step will not give you the actual final color of the test.

Once you have completed these steps, you can accurately evaluate the final color and make an informed decision about which Portico™ Stain color to use on your project. Remember, **the sealer is a crucial component of the process, so be sure to apply it to see the true final color.**

Disclaimer: Direct Colors does not warranty or guarantee results (outcomes). Concrete variations or improper application may cause unintended results. Test product on an inconspicuous or small area and allow to fully cure to ensure compatibility and desired result.