

## **CRAQUELURE**

Base coat and Topcoat

Crack Highlighting Medium

### **DESCRIPTION**

This term describes the fine network of cracks, which appears on the surface of old pictures, furniture and porcelain.

This crazing occurs when hard varnishes or glazes are applied over a relatively soft substrate. As the surface coating dries out, often over many years, it becomes harder and more brittle than the underlying surface and separates into a network of fine cracks characteristic of old porcelain and old varnished oil paintings.

ideal to use for • antiquing • decoupage • small objects • picture frames • decorative finishes

unique qualities • easy to apply • Water based • low odour • quick drying • wash brushes and equipment in warm water.

### **APPLICATION**

Invert bottle to mix. Apply with a good quality brush. Craquelure performs very well between 16°C (60°F) and 21°C (70°F). Performance outside this range is impaired.

If the subject is porous, for example a card, picture or piece of wood, it should be sealed with a coat of Craquelure topcoat and allowed to dry.

Apply an even coat of Polyvine Craquelure Base Coat.

Use a good quality brush, (preferably synthetic); apply carefully to avoid brush marks.

On application, the base coat is opaque. As it dries, it clears but remains tacky, even if speeded up by warming with a hair drier.

Now apply a thin coat of Craquelure Top Coat.

As this coat dries it will craze into small regular plates.

The tiny cracks can be emphasised by rubbing a colour into them.

### **Crack Highlighting Medium**

Apply crack highlighting medium, dark or white, with a pad of soft tissue, working it into the cracks with a circular motion. Wipe off the excess with a clean tissue. Work small areas at a time until the whole surface has been covered. The result will be a reasonable durable surface covered with a network of authentic-looking fine cracks.

### **USES**

Furniture. Woodwork. Plaster work. Non-Ferrous metals. Picture frames.

### **COVERAGE**

Approx. 8 sq. m per litre 85 sq. ft per US qt

### **No OF COATS**

1 coat Base 1 coat Top

### **DRYING TIME**

15mins-1 hr, depending on temperature

### **CLEANING**

Clean tools/equipment with warm soapy water, rinse well with clean water, and allow to dry naturally.

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## **CONTAINERS**

500ml, 1L. US Pint, US Quart.

## **STORAGE**

Store in unopened containers in a cool dry place away from direct sunlight.

## **HEALTH SAFETY AND THE ENVIROMENT**

Non-hazardous. Ensure good ventilation. Keep out of reach of children. Contact with eyes-wash immediately with warm water. Remove excess from tools and mixing vessels before washing in warm soapy water. Do not empty containers into drains or watercourses.

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