

Paint Effects

Crackling

Crackling is an aging technique that cracks the topcoat of paint exposing the paint underneath. The size of the cracks produced depends on the application method and thickness of the paint applied on top. The heavier the application, the larger the cracks will be.



You will need:

- 25mm nylon artist brush
- Furniture wax, tinted
- Liner brush
- Picture frame
- Resene Crackle Effect
- Resene Enamacryl Metallic tinted to Resene Gold
- Resene Qristal Clear Poly-Flat
- Resene testpots in Resene Breakwater and Resene Golden Sand

Method:

1. Apply one coat of Resene Golden Sand and allow to thoroughly dry.



2. Brush on a smooth even coat of Resene Crackle Effect. Allow to dry.



3. Fairly quickly, brush on one coat of Resene Breakwater. Apply in one direction following the grain of the wood around the frame. As the paint dries, the cracks will form. This happens quite quickly. Don't touch the paint once it has cracked otherwise you will damage the finish.



4. This step is optional. Using the liner brush and the gold paint, paint a fine line around the frame. Two or three coats may be necessary.



5. Seal with Resene Qristal Clear. To antique it further, tinted furniture wax can be rubbed in and buffed gently when dry.

Tips:

A plain frame suits this finish, so the less detail the better.

Before you start your project try out different combinations and practice your application method on a piece of card until you are happy with the result.

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