



Colorwash

Virginia Lime Works Patriot Colorwash

Our colorwash is a hand-made mixture of rabbit hide glue, alum, pigment, and water, and is based on historic recipes. This once common material can be found on the exterior of many traditional masonry buildings and was the first line of defense against the elements. Also, in days before pressure washers, acids, and detergents, it was a simple and effective method of cleaning up and unifying historic brickwork.

Application Procedures

Virginia Lime Works Colorwash is designed to be applied to historic brick masonry. Do not apply on over latex, oil based paints, wood, PVC, latex, varnish, or shellac. Clean surface prior to application to remove dust, dirt, grime, grease, or any other coatings or materials that may prevent bonding. Surfaces **MUST** be dry prior to application. Do not apply if rain or precipitation is expected for 48 hours after application. Working temperatures for Virginia Lime Works Colorwash are between 45F and 85F. Do not apply in direct sunlight or on "hot" surfaces. Protect during and at least 48 hours after application from direct sunlight, wind, and rain. Virginia Lime Works Colorwash bonds best to porous brick. On non-porous brick, chalking may occur.

Application of samples is recommended, and finishes should be evaluated prior to full scale application. Allow 24-48 hours of cure before determinations are made.

Protect all areas (particularly glass surfaces) prior to application and ensure that the surfaces to be painted are completely dry.

Apply with a short bristle brush and spread thoroughly filling any pores or crevices. The process of brushing can increase the coatings absorption into the substrate resulting in a more durable finish. Allow 12-24 hours between applications, and apply as many coats to achieve desired finish.

STIR COLORWASH WELL BEFORE AND DURING APPLICATION

Clean up

Tools should be cleaned (or stored in water) when not in use for periods greater than 15 minutes or more.

Coverages and Consumption

Coverage will depend upon the rate of absorption and type of substrate in which it is applied. Most substrates will require a minimum of two coats of Virginia Lime Works Colorwash. Coverage can be determined on site by testing the coverage of the material on the chosen substrate.

Protect eyes, mucous membranes, and skin from splashing. Work in well ventilated areas.

Store unopened containers away from direct sunlight, between 40-85F. Due to the use of natural rabbit skin glue, the shelf life is three months in original unopened containers.

Not for internal consumption. Keep out of the reach of children and animals.