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MEDIUM

QUICK PROJECT GUIDE
 Hard labour 5/10
 Skill level 5/10
 Time needed ± 4 hours
 (plus drying time overnight)



Into the blue

Choose an imperial colour to jazz up your dull, faded stoep cushions.

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PROJECT NOTES

- The paint dries fairly quickly, but allow enough time for the inside (sponge) to also dry completely before you sit on the cushions – preferably overnight.
- Annie Sloan Chalk Paint is by nature a thicker paint; when diluted, it is much easier to apply, especially to fabric.
- Fabric absorbs the paint more easily when wet.

You will need

SHOPPING LIST

- Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in the colour Napoleonic Blue
- Annie Sloan Clear Wax

TOOLS

- Annie Sloan Chalk Paint Brush
- spray bottle for water
- rag for applying wax

BEFORE YOU START

Dilute the paint with water (about 2 parts paint to 1 part water) so that it has a liquid consistency but isn't too runny. Stir well.
Tip An Annie Sloan Chalk Paint Brush works well on fabric. The brush is round and fits perfectly in your hand, making it easier to handle than a flat brush.

Get started...



1 Use a spray bottle to wet the surface, but don't moisten the entire cushion at once – work in sections; first the top or a side, for example. Now apply the paint, also in sections. Just make sure that each time you paint the entire section, for example the entire top or side. **Tip** Paint the tops of a few cushions at a time. By the time all the tops are painted, you'll be able to start with the next section of the first cushion. Make sure the surface feels dry to the touch.

2 Wait until the paint has dried before applying a second coat. Remember, when using a dark colour like Napoleonic Blue, a second coat of paint is often not necessary. This will only be necessary if the first coat has not been applied evenly, but you'll only be able to see this when the paint has dried completely. Remember, it's not necessary to respray the painted surface with water for the second coat of paint.

3 Allow the paint to dry completely before applying the Clear Wax. Use a rag to lightly spread the wax. Once again, work in sections to avoid making blotches.



[Q&A WITH ANNIE SLOAN]



Q: Can Annie Sloan Chalk Paint be used on any fabric?

We've tried our paint on various types of fabric – including velvet – and haven't had any problems yet.

Q: Would you recommend using Annie Sloan Chalk Paint for DIY fabric projects?

Yes! You can paint directly onto the fabric or dye it in diluted Annie Sloan Chalk Paint for a more subtle colour.

Q: Do you need to add water when using the paint on fabric?

Yes, it's important to dilute the paint so that it's easier to apply – and to avoid any clumps.

Q: Do you need to finish off the project with wax?

You don't have to wax after painting; once dried, the paint won't come off onto clothing. However, you can use wax for a soft leathery finish. Never wax velvet! 🏠

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