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EASY

QUICK PROJECT GUIDE
 Hard labour 5/10
 Skill level 3/10
 Time needed 1 day



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Play it cool

A bold lick of paint gives a vintage fridge a red-hot new look.

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You will need

- Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in Emperor's Silk
- sandpaper
- masking tape
- paint roller (or paintbrush) and tray
- Annie Sloan Clear Wax
- mutton cloth



Get started...

1 Clean the fridge thoroughly with a wet cloth, ensuring that all the dirt and grime is removed. Sand any rusted spots with 180-grit sandpaper and seal with a water-based paint for extra protection.



Tip For a more weathered look, use a brush instead of a sponge roller.



2 Mask off any areas you don't want to paint with masking tape, including the rubber strips along the edge of the door. **3** If you're using a sponge roller, dilute the paint with a little water. Apply at least three coats, waiting for the paint to dry thoroughly in-between each application.

4 When the paint is dry, apply Annie Sloan Clear Wax with a mutton cloth to seal it. Buff with a clean cloth and rub until it's shiny and smooth. **5** Remove the masking tape and polish any chrome sections with the Clear Wax until shiny. 🏠



[WHEN TO USE WHICH WAX]

Annie Sloan has four non-toxic, ecofriendly waxes to seal and enhance newly completed chalk paint projects, raw wood and surfaces. Ingrid Lens of Palette Decor in Pietermaritzburg, KZN, has the following advice:

Clear Wax is best for most chalk paint projects, if you want to achieve a soft and velvety finish. Use Clear Wax to seal and protect furniture and walls treated with chalk paint. This will emphasise depth of colour and create a mellow finish, or it can be buffed to a high sheen.
Dark Wax Apply Dark Wax to 'age' your paintwork and emphasise brushmarks, cracks and texture. Use it with Clear Wax to seal and protect furniture and walls painted with decorative chalk paint.

White Wax Use this to soften and lighten Annie Sloan Chalk Paint colours. It can also be applied directly onto unvarnished wood as a liming wax to create a limed oak look.
Black Wax will give a cool, dark finish to your paintwork, bringing out texture in brushwork and mouldings, as well as darkening and enriching colours. Use it with Clear Wax to seal and protect furniture and walls painted with decorative chalk paint.
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