

Painting Your Rain Barrel

Supplies needed

Rain barrel
1:1 mixture of vinegar and water
Painter mask
Tape/cloth
Plastic primer (provided)
Acrylic paints
Water
Lint free cloth
Brushes
Sandpaper (optional)

Basic steps on how to paint a rain barrel

Step 1: Clean the exterior surface with a 1:1 mixture of vinegar and water.

Step 2: (Optional) Use a fine grade sandpaper to “rough up” the surface of the barrel. This process helps the paint adhere to the plastic barrel.

Step 3: Rinse barrel with clean water (static may try to hold the fine dust) and dry with lint free cloth (or leave it in the sun until dry).

Step 4: Cover the faucet and overflow to prevent primer, paint and polyurethane from adhering to them.

Step 5: Apply at least one coat of plastic primer, and allow drying per manufacturer’s instructions. (<http://www.valsparspray.com/Product/pcode---6659>)

Step 6: Now the barrel can be painted any way you like. Acrylic paint works best on these plastic barrels. Please note: Not all acrylic paint is created equally however! Not all acrylic paint is non-toxic or safe! Please read paint labels and look for the "AP Non-toxic" seal. Do NOT use paints without this seal. Paint barrel and allow the paint to dry completely.