



TDS 2003

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product: Decorative Painter's Crackle for Latex Paint **Code:** DP601

Creates an Authentic Cracked Paint Surface in Just Minutes

MODERN MASTERS® has created a water based crackle system that, when applied between two layers of paint, causes the top color to crack, revealing glimpses of the base color and creating an antiqued look. It is perfect for furniture, woodwork, trim, lamps, and decorative accessories. It may also be used to crackle Modern Masters® Venetian Plaster. (Please see the Modern Masters® Venetian Plaster Application Video for instructions.)

SURFACE PREPARATION:

All surfaces must be clean, sound, and non-absorbent. If priming is necessary, we recommend Zinsser's Bulls Eye 1-2-3® Primer.

APPLICATION:

- Step 1:** Apply one coat of a Modern Masters® Metallic Paint Collection™ color or any color of eggshell or satin latex paint by brush, roller, or spray gun to a properly prepared surface. **Remember:** this initial coat of paint will be the color of the cracks. Let dry completely, approximately one hour. If a natural brick or wood surface is desired for the base, first seal with Modern Masters® Satin Varnish and allow to dry completely.
- Step 2:** Apply one coat of Crackle for Latex paint (DP601) by brush, roller, or spray gun. When applying by roller, a medium- or long-nap 4-inch 'sausage roller' (such as a Wizz™ roller) works best. The thicker the application, the larger the cracks will be. **DO NOT THIN.** Allow to dry to touch, approximately 45 minutes.
- Step 3:** Apply one thick coat of any color flat latex paint by brush, sea sponge, roller, or spray gun (this paint will be the overall color). The thicker the application, the larger the cracks will be. Work quickly—especially in hot, dry climates—because the cracking process begins as the paint dries. When brushing, “cross-hatch” your brush strokes in both directions. The paint will crack along the brush stroke and will create erratic, wide cracks. When rolling, use a medium nap roller. (Rolling or spraying will create a more uniform, consistent crack.) **DO NOT** back roll or back brush; this will disturb the cracking process. For best results, apply within a 6-hour period in a relatively dry environment. Let dry completely, approximately 24 hours.



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APPLICATION (Continued):

Hint: A blow dryer set to medium heat may be used to speed up the drying time of each stage. To prevent the paint from drying before it has finished cracking in Step 3, hold the dryer at least 10 to 12 inches (20 to 30 cm) away from the surface.

Step 4, Protection (Optional): Surfaces that will be handled should be protected with two coats of Modern Masters® Dead Flat Varnish or Satin Varnish. Surfaces in high humidity areas, such as bathrooms, should be protected with an oil-based topcoat varnish. Follow the directions on the container label.

Coverage: approximately 80 to 100 square feet per quart (7 to 9 square meters per 946 ml.)

HANDLING AND STORAGE:

When not in use, close all containers tightly and store at room temperature. Do not reuse any containers and properly dispose of empty containers.

DO NOT ALLOW PRODUCT TO FREEZE.

VOC: DP601, less water, contains less than 20 grams/liter VOC.

Packaging: DP601 is available in 32-ounce black plastic bottles.



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