

St. Leo

APPLICATION GUIDE:
TOPCOAT FIVE

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PRODUCT
DETAILS

St. Leo Topcoat Five is a water-based coating used to reinforce plaster surfaces and improve resistance to impact, scratches and moisture. Topcoat Five does not result in waterproof surfaces, however it will make the surfaces wipe-able. Topcoat Five does not interfere with the textural expression of the plaster however it will slightly darken the plaster colour profile, increase its depth and add a slight, level 4 gloss. St. Leo Topcoat Five coverage is approximately 8 M2 per litre. It is recommended to apply 2 coats. The smoothness of the final application depends on the smoothness of the surfaces the topcoat is applied to. More details about ingredients, safety and maintenance are available [here](#).

PREPARATION

Always make a small test on the surfaces before beginning the full application. Be careful not to continuously stir the product. The optimal humidity for application and drying is 55% RH, and optimal temperature is 20-25 degrees Celsius.

EQUIPMENT

You will need a lint-free or microfibre cloth and a soft brush to clean the walls. The topcoat can be applied with a large short-haired lacquer roller, or a wide paint brush, or a conventional spray brush; gather the application tool of your choice. You will also need a small paint brush, masking tape for the walls and a plastic sheet for the floor, a clean bucket, a wooden stick and a ladder. To watch video instructions for Topcoat Five, please visit: stleointeriors.com/application.



STEP 1

Cover wall and floor edges with tape and cover the floor with a plastic sheet.



STEP 2

Gently wipe all dried plastered surfaces with a dry, lint-free cloth or a soft brush to remove any dirt or particles.



STEP 3

Moisten a short-haired lacquer roller (or a wide brush) by spraying with water.



STEP 4

Before use, pour the topcoat into a clean bucket, then stir the topcoat well using a wooden stick for approximately 1-2 minutes.



STEP 5

Dip the roller (or brush) into the bucket to completely cover the roller (or brush) in a very thin layer of topcoat. Ensure the roller (or brush) is not soaked to avoid drips.



STEP 6

Working quickly, apply the topcoat in a very thin, even layer to completely cover the surfaces. Do not apply thick layers as this will cause drips and bumps.



STEP 7

Apply the topcoat from floor to ceiling and edge to edge to cover all areas evenly before the topcoat dries.



STEP 8

Use a small paint brush to apply topcoat to corners and edges. Gently dab any drips or bumps with a soft cloth while the topcoat is wet.



STEP 9

Allow the first layer of topcoat to dry for 2-3 hours.



STEP 10

Working quickly, repeat steps 4 - 8 to apply the second layer of topcoat thinly and evenly across all surfaces and finish all corners and edges.



(STEP 11: BRUSHED FINISH)

You can also use a wide paint brush moistened with water to gently brush over the wet topcoat in vertical strokes from top to bottom and edge to edge across all surfaces.



STEP 12

Allow the second layer of topcoat to dry for 4-6 hours, then carefully remove the tape and plastic sheet. Immediately clean tools with water. The surfaces require 5-7 days to dry completely before they are ready for daily use.

ONGOING
CARE

For on-going care, the surfaces can be cleaned gently with a microfiber cloth, either dry or slightly dampened with water and PH-neutral soap (wring out the cloth to remove all excess water before using it). Do not use chemicals to clean. Un-dried/un-hardened topcoat can be removed from tools, skin and clothing with water and soap. Dried/hardened topcoat can be removed with a hard-woven cloth or by softening with acetone. Topcoat Five must not be poured into the drain due to environmental regulations. Visit stleointeriors.com/downloads for more details on safety, storage and care.

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