



How To Do Rag Painting

Rag painting is just what it sounds like. Instead of using brushes or sponges or any of a number of things that you have used in the past to paint with, you are going to use a piece of rag to paint with. It's amazing what you can do with a piece of old sheet or pillowcase or towel.

Soft rags work better than stiff rags. Use a piece that matches the size of the project that you are doing. If it's a big batch of sky or water, you might want to use a bigger piece of rag. If it's blush on a cheek or making lips look soft and blended, you probably want to use just a little piece.

Take a piece of rag – wad it up – put a little of the appropriate paint on a little mini palette – smear the piece of rag in the paint – put the color where you need it. Basically that is how you do 'rag painting'.

Wad a piece of rag up. Make sure it has lots of crinkles in it. Dip the rag in your mini palette (small plastic lid from margarine or Pringles, etc.) – dab it on your material. This gives you a mottled look. You can use this for clouds – for marbleizing with several different colors – for the leaves in a tree seen from a distance.