

VICTORIAN LEATHER LOOK DRESS BOOTS

White Tissue Paper as used in wrapping gifts

Aileen's Napkin Applique Glue

Fan Brush or blender brush

Small Soft Brush

Acrylic paint - Light brown and black or colors of your choice

Acrylic sealer.... satin or gloss finish.

Mark off the top of the boot and design of the boot with a pencil. Cut or tear off a piece of tissue paper and crumble. Apply glue with a brush to an area that piece of paper will cover. Lay down the tissue paper on the glue area and brush (with a soft brush). Brush glue on top of the tissue paper. Push paper to make a few wrinkles. Wrinkles are a good thing as this is what gives the "Leather Look"

Move on to the next area you need to lay the paper on and repeat procedure fusing each piece together and making wrinkles.

Example. If I am covering the top of a box that is about 6" square, then, I cut a piece of tissue paper about 7" square and put the glue on the area to be covered. Lay down the 7" square paper on the 6" area making it fit by causing the wrinkles in the paper. This is what gives you the leather texture. After you lay down the paper on top of the glue always brush the glue on top of the paper. This glue dries in seconds so if you are doing an area larger than 2 or 3 inches at a time, work very fast. If it dries before you can get the paper on it, just apply more glue and "mush" the paper on to it. Let the glue dry thoroughly

PAINTING:

Now that you have the look of leather, the next step is to color your leather. Leathers are textured and are shaded. The color is your choice. The paint I use is an acrylic craft paint preferably Patio Paint . Pick a base color such as a medium brown. Paint entire area of the boot that is covered with tissue paper.

While this medium brown is still wet, put a small amount of a little lighter brown on a slightly damp fan brush. Lightly brush over areas of the surface letting the medium brown show through blending the edges as you go. This is called a "wet on wet" technique.. Let dry and then paint boot with a satin acrylic sealer. Glue trim around the top of boot and where desired.

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PATIO PAINT COLORS TO ACHIEVE THIS LEATHER LOOK ARE:

Daisy Cream

Daisy Cream with a speck of Pinecone Brown for shadows

Clear Coat for protective top coat

Note: Gloves and accessories can also be made to look like leather using this method.

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