

Do It Yourself: Painting Your Rain Barrel

You've assembled your rain barrel and are ready to install it at your home. If you are the creative type, want to keep the kids busy for a few hours, or just want a rain barrel that matches your house a bit better, painting your barrel may be the next good step before installation.

Materials:



Paint : Krylon: Fusion For Plastics spray paint in the colors of your choice. You may also want to use a drop cloth depending on where you paint. In the following example, we used one can of green and one can of dark green paint.

Pattern: Gather any nearby leaves and tall grasses.

Preparation:

Start by removing the hardware from your rain barrel that you don't want to be painted. Cover the holes with paper or cardboard and tape. If needed, use a wet cloth to clean the surface

Painting:



1. Paint a base coat. Try alternating the use of green and dark green to create patches of color. At this step your barrel may look something like the barrel to the left.



2. Lightly spray the leaves/grasses with either of the colors so that they will stick to the barrel as you paint.

3. Place the leaves/grasses to the barrel in an area that is the same color as the paint on the leaves/ grasses.

4. Using the opposite color paint, spray paint over the leaves/grasses with the other color as you would a normal stencil.

5. Repeat the previous step, alternating the use of green and dark green until you are satisfied with your design.



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