

YOUTH PLASTER CRAFT / WHITEWARE GUIDELINES

What is it?

Whiteware is a plaster craft that you paint. It is poured into a mold. Wires are sometimes placed in the arms and legs of figurines. It does not have to be cleaned or fired. It is the same as ceramic bisque; most items are of solid plaster. There are three ways to paint the project:

Use water-based paint, no underglaze.

1. Paint project all black with an acrylic paint. If the paint is watered down, put two (2) coats on. When the project dries, apply a colored wax with your fingers, then spray with a clear gloss or matte finish. If more color is desired, apply more wax and spray. Repeat until desired color is achieved. Start with a small animal or plaque, then go on to a large, more detailed item. It is especially easy for Pee Wee/Cloverbuds, beginner painters and handicapped individuals.
2. Project is painted with acrylic cream or ivory paint two (2) coats. When project dries (at least eight (8) hours) apply an antiquing stain and wipe off with paper towel, wait 24 hours and spray with a clear or matte finish.
3. Project is painted with a cream or ivory acrylic paint, apply two (2) coats for base. When dry, apply a water base paint. Let dry at least eight (8) hours. Next apply an antiquing stain and wipe off with paper towel. Let dry for 24 hours then chalk in high lights or depth, spray with a clear gloss or matte finish. It is recommended that a piece of felt be placed on the bottom of the item. This is for the more advance painters.