



# WOOD PAINT PROJECT

## PROJECT ADVICE: *FOR EXTERIOR TIMBER GARDEN FURNITURE*

1. Select your colour or colours thinking about a colour palette that will fit with your garden design, planting, and bring a smile to your face. You can use sample pots to make sure you're getting exactly the colour you want in situ as different timber surfaces and lighting can affect the shade you see. Thorndown use exterior grade colour pigments meaning that the colour you chose is the colour you'll see for years and years. Thorndown satin Wood Paint is available in a beautiful and diverse colour palette and transparent wood stain colours, along with thousands of RAL Classic and Design, NCS, BS & Pantone C colours.
2. Sand off any rough patches or loose old coatings that will show or affect the finish. If you paint directly onto old flaky loose paint then the old paint will in time just flake and fall off taking the new paint coating with it.
3. Make repairs to any loose joints or screws that may need tightening.
4. Wooden furniture may need preserving with a wood preserver. Hardwood has natural resistance but untreated softwood will be vulnerable to rot and decay so this should be treated with a wood preserver first. If your furniture is made with new pressure treated softwood remove any surface residue from the pressure-treatment process by lightly sanding.
5. Make sure the surface is clean. Wash off any dirt with soapy water or use a pressure-washer to blast off persistent dirt or algae. Washing with a light bleach/water solution will help to kill off algae.
6. Before painting make sure the timber is dry otherwise coatings won't fix properly to the timber affecting performance and longevity. Moisture content needs to be <20%
7. Apply a knotting agent or stain-blocking primer to prevent possible staining of the paint coating from tannins and resin bleeds – or don't worry about it and let nature take its course.
8. Treat metal surfaces or use paint with flash rust inhibitor like Thorndown Wood Paint to stop rust from forming on non-galvanised metal or metal screws/nails other than stainless steel. If rust already exists you will need to remove it or it will come through the paint coating.
9. Check the weather to make sure rain isn't forecast for at least 24 hours to allow plenty of time for the paint to dry and fix/bond.
10. Get your Thorndown Wood Paint, a paint stirrer, good quality synthetic brush, roller or sprayer.
11. Apply one coat and leave to dry for 1-2 hours depending on weather. If hot and dry the paint coating will dry a lot quicker, ready for a second coat to be applied.
12. Don't forget the feet and the underside of furniture! Cut ends at the feet soak in liquid so they need a good 3 – 4 coats to properly seal them. You can start with furniture upside down, paint the feet then give the underside a good coat making sure to watch out for drips going through slatted surfaces and dealing with them before they dry. A good coat on the underside of furniture will provide decent all round protection but if you do 2 coats, then it will be fully sealed and you won't have to touch it again for up to 10 years when a maintenance coat should be applied.
13. Paint on a second coat and leave to dry. Thorndown Wood Paint will be touch dry within an hour or two but the curing/fixing process takes longer which is why we advise making sure rain isn't forecast and not to sit on furniture for 12-24 hours.
14. Some lighter colours or semi-opaques can look better with a third coat as it will increase the opacity, depth and richness of the colour. The majority of Thorndown colours only need 2 coats, giving you great colour coverage and full exterior protection.
15. Horizontal surfaces on garden furniture take a real beating from the sun, rain, snow, ice and bottoms, wearing faster than vertical surfaces, so give extra attention here and an extra coat of paint for good measure. An extra coat will give it additional strength and it will be even longer before a maintenance coat is required.
16. For a flat matt finish you could try using Thorndown Wall Paint instead! Explore the website for details.



CLADDING



DECKING



SHEDS



FENCES



DOORS



FLOORS



WINDOWS



FURNITURE



REPELS  
WATER



CLEANS UP  
WITH  
WATER



MIXES WITH  
OTHER  
COLOURS



DILUTES FOR  
A STAIN  
EFFECT



### NICE CANS

For your convenience, our tins have been designed with a wider top for easy painting, and more air space above the paint level for easy mixing.