

How to Paint your Wichita Rain Barrel



The following instruction is for those who want to paint their Wichita rain barrel. Krylon fusion paint is great for a base coat, or for those who are only interested in a solid color, you then can decorate your **painted rain barrel** with ordinary exterior grade paint.

Krylon has come out with a new brand of spray paint they call "Fusion" that adheres well to a rain barrels surface. They offer several new colors to choose from to match the color of you home. The price of a can of Fusion spray paint is only \$5.99 in most retail stores. I have found the paint available at Ace

Hardware stores and some Wal-Mart and Kmart stores.

You will be able to cover a rain barrel with one can of Fusion, but to do a complete job I suggest buying two cans. The barrel will look better with a final spray after the first can is empty. Darker colors require more paint. It is also good to have left over paint for touch up in the future if your barrel gets scraped.

Ideal Conditions:

Well ventilated Area
50 – 85 degrees in low humidity

For Best Adhesion:

Wipe surface down with an ammonia base cleaner.

Comment: Krylon claims that you do not have to do any preparation to the plastic but I would sand the entire barrel with a 60/80 grit or finer sand paper before you clean it with an ammonia based solvent. . This extra step is well worth your time. The paint will adhere better and will last longer.

How to Paint:

Cover spigot valve with masking tape
Shake can vigorously for 2 minutes
Hold can 8 to 10 inches from surface
Spray in sweeping motion keeping even distance from surface
Begin off the surface and continue each pass off the other side
Begin by applying a thin coat and wait 30 seconds
Apply multiple thin coats to avoid runs and drips

Dry Time:

Dries in 15 minutes or less
Handle after 1 hour
Re-coat: 24 hours
Chip Resistance: Fully chip resistant within 7 days

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