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### **VP Antico by Artisan Enhancements®**

VP Antico is favored by decorative artists, faux finishers, and professional painters. VP Antico is a synthetic polishing plaster used to create various plaster looks, including "Venetian Plaster" finishes. Once set and dry, VP Antico creates a smooth honed finish.

#### **Recommended Use:**

VP Antico is formulated for use on properly prepared (base coated) surfaces, such as walls and furniture.

#### **Application:**

VP Antico can be used to create texture through a variety of techniques. VP Antico can be applied with a trowel "as is" or tinted with paint then brushed/rolled-on for different results. The Color Shaper by Artisan Enhancements® can be used to apply VP Antico for a more traditional Venetian Plaster type finish. To create quick and easy reliefs, use the Color Shaper to push VP Antico through a stencil. VP Antico can also be added to water based paints to give the paint a thicker consistency. Try using VP Antico with Crackle Tex by Artisan Enhancements® to create an "aged" plaster crackle finish. After drying, if needed, lightly sand with a 220 - 400 grit paper to knock off sharp edges or to achieve a finer, smoother finish. Seal with Clear Topcoat Sealer by Artisan Enhancements®. Follow the recommended instructions for Clear Topcoat Sealer and Clear Finish cure times before using the surface.

For a trowel wall application: Load a small amount of VP Antico on to the edge of the trowel. Apply VP Antico, working from wet to dry areas, while at an angle of 45° to cover the entire wall surface. Once the first coat has properly dried, repeat the process if desired. Keeping the blade of the trowel at a 45° angle, smooth the surface. A 3/8" nap roller can also be used to create layers of texture on wall surfaces. For heavy thick textures, try layering multiple application techniques - allowing each layer to fully dry overnight before proceeding to the next layer.

#### **Tinting:**

VP Antico is a neutral base medium which allows it to be easily tinted from light to dark colors. If tinting, stir the VP Antico base medium thoroughly prior to tinting. Custom tinted VP Antico can be created by taking the VP Antico base to a local paint store for tinting. For a quick and easy DIY tinted VP Antico, mix VP Antico with a water based chalk type or clay/mineral paint, such as Chalk Paint®. To tint VP Antico with a chalk type or clay/mineral paint - start with a 1:5 ratio of paint to VP Antico (1 part paint to 5 parts VP Antico). VP Antico is also formulated to be mixed with other tints, such as Mixol colorants. After tinting, stir the mixture thoroughly to completely combine both products. Make sure to continually stir the tinted VP Antico mixture before, during, and after each application. After tinting, the VP Antico and paint mixture will dry much lighter with a slight hint of the color.

Note: The more paint/tint added to the VP Antico medium base the "looser" or thinner the tinted VP Antico mixture. We recommend doing a sample test piece to determine the ratio for the "recipe" and thickness of the tinted VP Antico mixture.

**Clean up & Product Storage:** Easy clean up with soap and water. Seal the container tightly. Do not let freeze or expose to direct sunlight/extreme heat. Do not apply product when air and surface temperatures are below 50°F (10°C).

#### **Additional Resources and Inspiration:**

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