



EXTERIOR METAL LIGHT FIXTURE PAINT FINISH

Tools and Supply List

1 Quart Modern Masters Metallic Paint – English Brown
1 6 oz Modern Masters Metallic Paint – Statuary Bronze
TSP Cleaning Solution
2" chip brushes
4" chip brushes
Blue Painters Tape
Gloves
Tarp, Rags, Stir Sticks

Where to Purchase

www.layersofcolor.net (under Products/Metallic Paint)
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Replacing light fixtures can be a very expensive project. Especially when they are still in great shape and just the finish on them has begun to weather and show signs of fading or rusting.

Luckily there is an easy and inexpensive way to refinish your existing light fixtures using Modern Masters Metallic Paints. If you are trying to recreate the finish that was on them when you first installed them it will be necessary to figure out which color combination of metallic paints look the best. In this project we are using two colors: English Brown and Statuary Bronze.

The other supplies you will need to refinish your light fixtures are a cleaning solution such as TSP, two or three 2" chip brushes and a 4" chip brush if you have larger areas to paint such as back plates. You will also need painters tape, gloves, tarps and rags for cleanup.

Most often it is easier leave the back trim plates and the light bracket that holds the fixture in place so you don't have to worry about removing and replacing any of the electrical wiring. Be sure to put blue painters tape next to any surfaces they touch as this paint is very difficult to remove.

Next, remove the metal light cage from the bracket. Remove the metal posts from light bulbs and glass insert.

All metal parts of the fixture will need to be thoroughly cleaned with TSP. Allow to dry completely.

Apply the English Brown using (2) 2" chip brushes taped together or a 4" chip brush in a stippling motion with the paint on all areas of the metal light fixture. Continue stippling the paint on the fixture until you have full coverage. Once the base coat has dried you are ready to apply the accent or highlight color. Lightly apply the Statuary Bronze using only the tips of the paint brush in a random application and allow to dry.

Note: If you apply the highlight color too heavy or don't like the look, repeat the stippling of the English Brown in those areas.

Metallic Paints dry quickly and your light fixtures should be ready to re-install in about 4 hours or after they are thoroughly dry.

Clean all tools and brushes with warm soap and water.

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