



## PEARL EFFECTS

Pearl Effects are water base decorative, acrylic pearlescent colours used to create specialty finishes. They may be applied over General Finishes Milk Paints, stains and water base top coats to create translucent metallic Pearl Effects.



Argentine Pearl



Bronze Pearl



Burnished Pearl



Copper Pearl



Champagne Pearl



Tawny Pearl

# GENERAL FINISHES PEARL EFFECTS

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Copper Pearl over Lamp Black Milk Paint



Champagne Pearl over Lamp Black Milk Paint



Bronze Pearl over Lamp Black Milk Paint



Tawny Pearl over Lamp Black Milk Paint



Argentine Pearl over Lamp Black Milk Paint



Burnished Pearl over Lamp Black Milk Paint

**Apply Milk Paint colour. This is the colour that will be Underneath the Pearl Effects.**

- Fill any nail holes with putty that dries hard and can be sanded. Test colour to make sure it is what you want.
- Sand wood to 180-220 grit. Woods that paint well are poplar, aspen, basswood, maple, or birch. No need to use a primer with this application. **Remove dust with air, damp rag , or non sticky tack cloth.**
- Stir paint thoroughly. If paint is too thick to level when brushing on, add water to thin.
- Paint on a heavy coat of Milk Paint as solid as possible (in these examples we used Lamp Black). Apply with acrylic bristle brush, poly foam brush, handi painter applicators or spray on. Let dry 2-4 hours. Buff between coats of paint with a soft backed sanding sponge or 400 paper. Apply second coat of Milk Paint, let dry 2-4 hours.
- Apply 1 coat of water base GF, High Performance to seal with acrylic brush, poly foam brush, handi painter applicator, or spray, let dry for 2-4 hours. Once High Performance is dry sand 320 or 400 grit sand paper or soft backed sanding sponges to achieve good adhesion for the Pearl Effects.

If you choose to distress, before applying Pearl Effects do so now. Use nails for worm holes, and add texture with screws, jagged rocks or anything you can hammer into your wood surface.

## Apply General Finishes Pearl Effects

- Apply pearl effects liberally with acrylic brush, poly foam brush, spray, or handi painter applicator. Work Pearl Effect liberally using smooth even strokes going with the grain. Use enough material to provide a wet film, do not over brush apply and move on. Let dry 2-4 hours to dry and let dry 12 hours before applying a top coat. If doing a large area add GF Extender which gives more open time to manipulate the Pearl Effects.
- To dry brush Pearl Effects add 5% GF Extender, and apply with a bristle brush lightly dusting the surface to leave colour.
- Colour can also be removed by wiping off while wet like a glaze or sanded off when dry.

## Applying water base top coat

- For extra protection apply 2-3 coat of GF water base High Performance to seal, with acrylic brush, poly foam brush, handi painter applicator, or spray, let dry for 2-4 hours. Buff between coats of finish with a soft backed sanding sponge or 400 grit sand paper.