



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Mod Podge?

Mod Podge is an all-in-one decoupage glue, sealer and finish. It is waterbase and non-toxic.

On what surfaces can I use Mod Podge?

Mod Podge can be used on most porous surfaces including wood, terra cotta, tin, canvas and papier-mâché. It can be used on glass or ceramics **for decorative purposes only**.

What kind of items can I decoupage to a surface when using Mod Podge?

Almost anything can be decoupage to a surface using Mod Podge. We recommend using decorative papers, tissue paper, fabric, magazine cutouts, computer printouts, newspaper, scrapbooking embellishments or even copies of photographs!

- Fabric – Wash (do not use fabric softener), dry and iron your fabric. Place on wax paper and apply one coat of Fabric Mod Podge to the front of the fabric to eliminate fraying. Allow to dry and then trim to fit or cut a fabric appliqué to apply to your surface.
- Ink-jet printouts – Before using Mod Podge, we recommend sealing with a matte acrylic sealer to prevent ink smearing. Spray a very light coat, let dry and spray again.
- Photographs – We recommend making a color copy with a dry toner copier before using Mod Podge.

How do I prevent my paper from warping and bubbling after I apply Mod Podge?

Thinner papers may warp and bubble after applying Mod Podge. To minimize the warping, spray the front and back of these papers with a matte acrylic sealer and let dry. Apply Mod Podge to the back of the paper or to the project surface and press the paper firmly to the surface, let dry completely. You may also use a brayer to smooth the paper.

Do NOT apply a top coat until the paper has dried completely (approximately 15 to 20 minutes).

If a bubble is found after the project is dried, pop the bubble with a straight pin. Insert a small amount of Mod Podge into the hole using the end of the pin, remove and press bubble down. Re-check area to see if the bubble has returned. If so, apply a little more Mod Podge and press again.

Can I mix Mod Podge with water or paint?

No. Water and paint can substantially reduce or eliminate the adhesive properties of Mod Podge.

Do I need to stir Mod Podge before using it?

Mod Podge may be stirred gently before application. **Do not shake** Mod Podge as it will create air bubbles.

How should I apply Mod Podge?

For a smooth finish, Mod Podge should be applied in **thin to moderate coats** using the tip of a soft bristle brush or a foam brush. Hard bristle brushes may leave streaks in the finish on your project.

How many coats of Mod Podge should I apply?

The number of coats you apply depends on the effect you are trying to achieve. Use the following as a general guideline:

- Sealer – apply thin coats; allow to dry between coats. You may sand between coats for a smoother finish.
- Quick Finish – Apply a smooth, moderate coat.
- Textured Finish – Apply thicker coats, stippling with a sponge or a brush for strobework.
- Puzzle Saver – Slide wax paper under finished puzzle. Apply evenly over entire puzzle, being sure to cover all cracks. Let dry. Apply additional coats to the front or back of puzzle.
- Built-up Finish – Apply at least five coats, dry 15-20 minutes between coats. Wet sand with 400 grit (super fine) sandpaper until smooth. Wipe dry. Polish with #0000 steel wool. Wipe with damp cloth.

How long should I allow Mod Podge to dry between coats?

Allow Mod Podge to dry at least 15-20 minutes between coats or until the base is clear. If you live in a more humid environment or applied thick coats to your project, this will increase your drying time. You can use a hair dryer to speed up the drying process.

What can I do about visible brush strokes on my Mod Podge project?

To reduce visible brush strokes on your Mod Podge project, dry 15-20 minutes between coats. Wet sand with 400 grit (super fine) sandpaper until smooth. Wipe dry. Polish with #0000 steel wool. Wipe with damp cloth.

How long does it take my Mod Podge project to cure?

With a medium coat of Mod Podge, the project should cure in about 2 to 3 weeks. Allow for longer curing times if applying more or thicker coats.

My Mod Podge surface is still sticky after it dries. What do I do?

Hard Coat Mod Podge dries clear with a non-tacky surface. If using Gloss, Matte or Satin Mod Podge apply a clear acrylic sealer to the surface after it has cured.

Do I have to seal Mod Podge?

No, because Mod Podge is self-sealing. However, for added durability and to reduce tackiness, apply an acrylic sealer to your finished project.

Can Mod Podge be used on outdoor surfaces and projects?

Yes, there is an Outdoor Mod Podge formula specifically designed for use on outdoor projects. For added durability, spray your project with a waterbase outdoor varnish. If the project is going to be in an area with heavy traffic, you should use several coats of a polyurethane sealer.

How should I clean up after using Mod Podge?

Clean applicators while wet with soap and water.

Is Mod Podge safe for my kids to craft with?

Yes, Mod Podge is non-toxic and safe for kids to use.

How do I care for my finished Mod Podge project?

Lightly wipe your Mod Podge project with a dampened, lint-free rag. The surface cannot be scrubbed or washed.

How can I clean a Mod Podge spill from fabric or clothing?

Yes, but you must wash immediately with soap and water when wet. If allowed to dry, the Mod Podge will set and will not be removable from clothing.



Mod Podge Furniture - FAQs

What is Mod Podge Furniture?

This Mod Podge formula will provide your project with the extra durable finish which is required when creating furniture pieces such as tables, chairs, book shelves, filing cabinets, etc.

How many different finishes of Mod Podge Furniture formula are there?

Mod Podge Furniture is available in Matte, Satin and Gloss formulas providing all crafters the finish of their choice. Each formula dries to a different non-sticky protective sheen, so you may select the one best for your project.

What type of surfaces can I use Mod Podge Furniture on?

Mod Podge Furniture can be applied directly onto all types of surfaces such as wood, tin, terra cotta, canvas, paper mache and glass / ceramics.

Is Mod Podge Furniture non-toxic?

Yes, it is a waterbased non-toxic finish.

Do I need to shake the bottle before using?

No, shaking will cause bubbles

How should I apply Mod Podge Furniture to my project?

Applying Mod Podge Furniture formula is the same as working with any of the other Mod Podge formulas. It is best brushed smoothly onto your crafting surface using one of the Mod Podge brushes such as the handy Mod Podge 4" Brush Applicator perfect for larger projects. If using as a glue, apply to back of paper or fabric, then position on surface. Smooth out any air bubbles from the center out. Let dry 2 hours. Then to build up finish, apply at least 5 coats. Let dry 1 hour between coats. If needed you can wet sand your project to create a smoother surface with 400# sandpaper. Wipe with damp cloth. Let dry and if desired apply more coats and wet sand again. Then polish with a #0000 steel wool. The humidity and application thickness should also be considered in the drying time.

How many coats of Mod Podge Furniture do I need to apply?

Mod Podge Furniture is best applied to a crafted surface with a minimum of three even applications allowing each coat to thoroughly dry before applying the next.

How do I clean up **my tools after using Mod Podge Furniture?**

Clean **your tools, (brushes, Mod Podge squeegee and/or brayer)** while wet with soap and water.

Is Mod Podge Furniture waterproof?

No, but it is water resistant.

How should I care for my Furniture project, can I wash it?

A podged surface using Mod Podge Furniture should be intended for decorative purposes only as it is not dishwasher or washing machine safe. To clean your project, wipe using a damp soft cloth, do not fully immerse in water.

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What is a Mod Podge Mod Melter?

The Mod Podge Mod Melter is a uniquely designed tool manufactured to be used with Mod Podge Mod Melts to create Mod Mold embellishments. The Mod Podge Mod Melter can also be used as an all-purpose, mini high temperature glue gun.

How can a Mod Podge Mod Melter be used?

The Mod Podge Mod Melter can be used with any craft project where a mini hi-temp hot glue gun would be used. However, the Mod Podge Mod Melter is much easier to use because it remains hot without cooling through an entire length of a glue stick or Mod Podge Mod Melt.

What special features does a Mod Podge Mod Melter have?

What makes the Mod Podge Mod Melter different from a regular mini hi-temp glue gun is:

- A 6 ft. length of electrical cord which makes it convenient to move about while working on a project.
- A polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other) which can be plugged into any 120 VAC electrical outlet. A polarized plug will reduce the risk of electrical shock.
- An on/off switch which serves as a safety element.
- A built-in stand at the base of the Mod Podge Mod Melter which allows a crafter to horizontally rest the Mod Melter when not in use.
- A larger easy-to-press control trigger allows additional finger placement equalizing the pressure on the Mod Melter grip.
- A ribbed silicone soft grip on the Mod Melter body allows for a comfortable grip.
- The silicone covered tip means less messy tip as Mod Podge Mod Melts and hot glue sticks will not adhere to the silicone.

Can I use the Mod Podge Mod Melter with regular hot glue sticks?

Yes, a Mod Podge Mod Melter can be used with either Mod Podge Mod Melts and/or mini hi-temp hot glue sticks.

How shall I use my Mod Podge Mod Melter?

- Plug Mod Podge Mod Melter into 120VAC electrical outlet.
- Using on/off switch, turn Mod Melter on.
- Insert Mod Podge Mod Melt or mini hi-temp hot glue stick through opening at rear of Mod Melter.
- After 5 – 7 minutes, Mod Melter is heated and ready for use.
- Direct tip of Mod Melter where desired and begin to lightly squeeze the trigger. The pressure on the trigger will determine the amount of melted stick released.
- If filling a Mod Podge Mod Mold, begin by directing the tip of the Mod Melter in the center of the mold impression and squeeze the trigger directing the melted Mod Melt until the entire mold is filled.
- If necessary, reload Mod Melter with a new Mod Melt and continue working.
- After use, turn Mod Melter off and unplug from electrical outlet.
- Allow to completely cool prior to storing.

Are there any companion products to the Mod Podge Mod Melter?

Yes, the Mod Melter works beautifully with the Mod Podge Mod Melts now available in Milk Glass White and Sea Glass Clear, as well as Opaque and Neon Colors, Metallics, and even Glitters.

When crafting with these two Mod Podge products along with Mod Podge Mod Molds, crafters can create dimensional resin-like embellishments which can be used for general crafting fun, scrapbooking projects as well as home décor creations.

Also the Mod Podge Silicone Craft Mat is a perfect partner for the Mod Melter. The Silicone Craft Mat is heat resistant up to 600 degrees! It will protect your work surface, is stain-resistant and very easy to clean as normal crafting products such as paints, Mod Podge and other glues will not stick to it!

Cautionary Tips:

- Mod Podge Mod Melter not intended for use by small children.
- When in use, keep hot tool away from children.
- Do not force trigger, Mod Podge Mod Melt and/or hot glue stick should be melted to flow freely from the Mod Melter.
- Unplug Mod Melter when not in use for 20 minutes.
- Never immerse Mod Melter in water or allow to get wet.