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RUST-OLEUM®

◆ **WORKTOP** ◆
Transformations

**Instructional
Booklet**

How to Apply Worktop Transformations

Rust-Oleum® Worktop Transformations is a revolutionary do-it-yourself coating that enables you to easily and affordably transform your worn or damaged laminate worktops into beautiful, durable, new counter surfaces - in a weekend and without the mess and high cost of worktop replacement.

Important: These instructions include several important information boxes, with critical, how-to information necessary to ensure the best product application process and highest quality results. Read in its entirety.

Before You Begin

View Instructional DVD - The DVD provided with your kit offers a helpful, step-by-step overview on how to apply Worktop Transformations. If you do not have a DVD player, the video is also available to view at www.rustoleumsspraypaint.com/worktop. For additional information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at the end of this booklet.

Gather Your Tools And Supplies

Collect supplies needed for your project using the Project Supplies Checklist:

Project Supplies Checklist

Included In Kit:

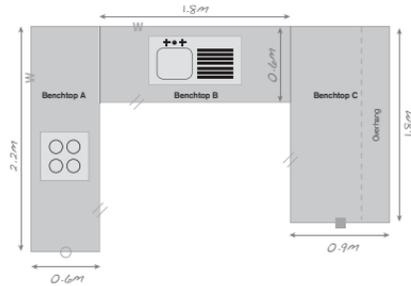
- 1L Base Coat
- 396ml Protective Top Coat Base
- 104ml Protective Top Coat Activator
- Sanding Tool
- Stir Sticks
- 2 x Rollers
- Instructional Booklet and DVD

Not Included In Kit:

- 100mm Roller Frame
- 2 x 50mm Synthetic Paint Brush
- 2 x Paint Tray
- 50mm Masking Tape
- Caulk
- Disposable Gloves
- Protective Glasses
- Dust Sheets
- Lint-free Cloths/rags
- Dust Mask

Measure up your worktop

1. Measure the size of your worktop area in sections. Be sure to mark measurements in metres, as shown in the example. (Note: 100cms = 1metre)



2. To calculate the square metre area (m²) of your worktop using the table below, multiply length and width of each section, then add the m² area of each section to give you the total m² area of your new worktop.

Calculate square metre area (m ²)			
Benchtop Section A	2.2	x	0.6 = 1.32
Benchtop Section B	1.8	x	0.6 = 1.08
Benchtop Section C	1.8	x	0.9 = 1.62
TOTAL M² (A+B+C)			= 4.02

One Worktop Transformations
Kit covers 5m².

Prepare the Worktop



Time needed: approximately 20-45 minutes



Tools needed: Sanding Tool, 50mm Masking Tape, Dust Sheets, Lint-free Rags, Hand brush & dust pan or vacuum, Dust Mask and Disposable Gloves.

The following steps will allow the Base Coat to attain maximum adhesion.

- A. Make sure the worktop area is in good condition and that all cracks, chips and dents have been repaired. (See “Repair Recommendations” in the FAQ section.) Then, clean the worktop thoroughly with soap and water to remove any contaminants. Allow to dry.
- B. Wearing a dust mask and gloves, thoroughly sand the entire worktop surface using the Sanding Tool. Place both hands firmly on the Sanding Tool and sand in a circular motion. Pay special attention to the splashback and the front edge of the worktop. Be careful when sanding around the sink and other areas since the Sanding Tool can easily scratch these surfaces. Remove dry caulk around the sink or splashback using a putty knife.
- C. Use a hand brush and dust pan to remove sanding dust and wipe down the worktop with a damp, lint-free cloth. (You may also wish to use a suitable vacuum cleaner with hose attachment to remove dust). Once the surface is dry, rub your clean, bare hand on the worktop to check for dust. If you see dust on your hand, wipe the worktop down again and allow it to dry fully. Repeat as necessary until all sanding dust is removed.
- D. Carefully inspect the surface to ensure that the entire surface is de-glossed.

Important: Complete de-glossing is CRITICAL for proper coating system.

- E. Next, mask off the sink, appliances and all adjacent areas with masking tape. Spread the dust sheets onto the floor along all base cabinets. Apply smooth masking tape on the wall behind the splashback.
- F. Review “Application Drying Times” on page 8.



Step 1. Apply the Base Coat

Time needed: approximately 30-60 minutes.

Once the worktop has been prepared, you will apply two even coats of the Base Coat, 2 hours apart. If you have a section that is over 1.8 metres long, have a second person help you apply the Base Coat.



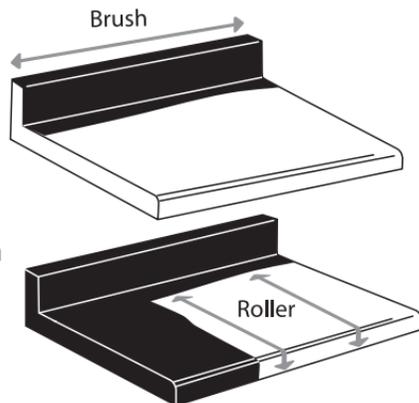
Tools needed: Base Coat, Stir Stick, Roller, Roller Frame, Paint Tray, 50mm Synthetic Paint Brush and Disposable Gloves.

A. Thoroughly stir the Base Coat using a stir stick. Pour a portion of the Base Coat into a clean paint tray.

B. Starting with the splashback, use a 50mm synthetic brush to apply an even coat of Base Coat.

C. Be sure that your coverage includes 2-5cm of the flat worktop surface that connects to the splashback. This will prevent your roller from accidentally bumping into the splashback while rolling.

D. Working from back-to-front, use the enclosed roller to apply an even coat of Base Coat over the entire worktop. Then use the brush again to coat any tight spaces (*i.e. around the sink or in the corners*).



Hold the roller at a high angle when rolling on the Base Coat for a smooth application.

E. For each section, once the Base Coat has been applied to the entire surface then re-roll in one, uniform direction towards your body.

F. After the Base Coat has been applied, quickly inspect the entire worktop for sags, mistakes, or areas of thin coverage. Apply more Base Coat where necessary. To repair accidental bumps, see “Preparation and Repair” in the FAQ section.

G. After the first coat has dried for at least 2 hours or until the inside edges are dry, repeat steps A-F and apply a second even coat of Base Coat.

H. Once the second coat is touch dry (*approx. 2 hours*) and before it completely dries, be sure to remove the tape by first scoring it around the edges.

Allow the coating to dry overnight. However, apply the Protective Top Coat within 24 hours of applying the Base Coat.



Step 2. Apply the Protective Top Coat

Time needed: approximately 45-60 minutes.

In this final step, the Protective Top Coat will create a beautiful, lasting and protective finish for your new worktop surfaces. The Protective Top Coat is low-odour and requires no special ventilation.

Important: Contents of Protective Top Coat are flammable until applied to the surface. Extinguish all flames and pilot lights, and turn off stoves, heaters, electric motors and other sources of ignition during use until project is complete. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not smoke.

To clean off any dust that settled overnight, give the worktop a wipe down with a damp lint free cloth and allow to dry.

Important: Once mixed and activated, you will have 4 hours to apply the Protective Top Coat. Do not use leftover Protective Top Coat after 4 hours, even if it's still liquid.



Tools needed: Protective Top Coat Part 1 Base and Part 2 Activator, Stir Stick, Foam Roller, Roller Frame, 50mm Synthetic Paint Brush, Paint Tray, Dust Sheets, Safety Glasses, Disposable Gloves, and 50mm Masking Tape.

- A. Mask off the sink, appliances, and all adjacent areas with masking tape. Spread the dust sheets on the floor along all base cabinets. Apply masking tape on the wall behind the splashback.
- B. Wearing gloves and safety glasses, pour the entire contents of Part 2 Activator into the Part 1 Base and thoroughly mix with a stir stick for at least 2 minutes. It is important to stir thoroughly for proper activation. Then, pour a portion of the blended Protective Top Coat mixture into a clean paint tray, and cover remaining paint.
- C. Use a 50mm synthetic paint brush to apply an even layer of Protective Top Coat to the splashback and along the edges. Be sure your coverage includes 2-5cm of the flat worktop surface that connects to the splashback as you did in the application of the Base Coat in Step 1. This will prevent your roller from accidentally bumping into the backsplash when rolling.
- D. For even coverage and to avoid brush marks, you must use the roller provided. Roll an even coat, from back to front, over the entire surface of the worktop and over the front edge as you did in the application of the Base Coat in Step 1.
- E. For each section, once the Protective Top Coat has been applied to the entire surface, re-roll in one uniform direction.

- F. Allow the Protective Top Coat to dry undisturbed, taking steps to make sure the worktop is not touched or brushed up against. Keep windows closed, pets away, and ceiling fans off. Protective Top Coat will be tack free in 4 - 6 hours. Coating will dry overnight.
- G. Allow the worktop to dry to the touch, approximately 4 - 6 hours. Score the masking tape along the edges of the worktop. Then carefully remove the tape.
- H. Allow the Protective Top Coat to dry 48 hours for light use. Wait 7 days for full cure and maximum stain resistance. See “Maintenance and Care” in the FAQ section for definition of light use and full use.

Note: Dispose of rollers and paint brush.



Avoid leaning into or touching the worktop while wet or tacky.



Allow to dry 48 hours for light use.



Allow to dry 7 days for full use.

Application recoat and drying times

Apply when room temperature is:

Between 15°C and 26°C

Base Coat:

Recoat after 2 hours.

Protective Top Coat:

Dry overnight (*but within 24 hours*) before applying Protective Top Coat.

Worktop use after painting:

48 hours - light use. 7 days - full use.

FAQs & Worktop Care Tips

For additional information, go to: www.rustoleumsspraypaint.com

General Transformations Questions

Q. IS WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS SAFE TO USE?

A. Worktop Transformations is safe to use and low odour. Follow supplied instructions for wearing mask, gloves or safety glasses as indicated. Use care, just as you would use any other refinishing product.

Q. CAN I USE WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS OVER AN EXISTING WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS COATING?

A. Yes, you can apply a new Worktop Transformations coating over an existing Worktop Transformations surface. The existing coating will need to be sanded thoroughly with the Sanding Tool. Follow normal application process.

Worktop Preparation and Repair

Q. PRIOR TO USING WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS, HOW DO I REPAIR CRACKS, CUTS, CHIPS, SCRATCHES OR BURNS IN MY ORIGINAL WORKTOP?

A. Worktop Transformations will coat and cover any burns and small scratches in the existing Worktop. Cracks, chips, deeper cuts or dents can be repaired by filling them with a 2-part epoxy putty. When the putty dries, sand the area until it is even with the surrounding surface. Once repairs have been made, follow the normal application process.

Q. WHAT IF MY ORIGINAL WORKTOP LAMINATE IS DELAMINATING?

A. The original worktop needs to be in good structural condition before refinishing. If there is delamination, properly reattach the laminate. If existing laminate is blistering, bubbling or buckling, do NOT use the Worktop Transformations.

Q. WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE DURING THE WORKTOP REFINISHING PROCESS?

A. If you accidentally remove the Base Coat by leaning into or touching the surface before it is dry, reapply paint straight away.

Application Tips

Q. BESIDES LAMINATE, WHAT OTHER SURFACES CAN BE REFINISHED WITH WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS?

A. With proper surface preparation, the Worktop Transformations coating system also adheres to hardwood and metal trim. All worktop materials should be sanded thoroughly with the Sanding Tool and tested for good adhesion before coating the entire surface area.

Q. HOW DO I REFINISH AROUND SINKS, STOVES, AND OTHER APPLIANCES?

A. Mask the sink and adjacent areas using masking tape. Be thorough about pressing in the edge to ensure none of the coating will bleed through. If you are planning on replacing your sink in the near future, now is an ideal time.

Q. HOW CAN I AVOID POTENTIAL APPEARANCE PROBLEMS?

A. When applying the Base Coat, apply the coating in smooth even strokes and finish with a final reroll in the same direction. If you see roller lines while rolling, you will see them in the final finish. Make sure coating does not pool up in the splashback inside edge and blend in the brush marks with the roller. Again, apply the Protective Top Coat in smooth even strokes and finish with a final reroll in the same direction.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE SCREEN OF MY SANDING TOOL GETS CLOGGED WITH DUST?

A. Simply clean out the dust using a vacuum with a hose attachment.

Q. HOW DOES HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE AFFECT THE COATING APPLICATION PROCESS?

A. Higher humidity will cause the Base Coat to dry more slowly. Ideal conditions are 50% relative humidity and temperature at or around 21°C. Do NOT apply the Base Coat at relative humidity levels below 30% or above 70% and when the dew point is under 15°C (negative).

TIP: If humidity is low, use a humidifier to increase moisture levels in the room.

Q. HOW DO I DISPOSE OF UNUSED PRODUCT AND SOILED RAGS OR BRUSHES?

A. Cover any unused, unmixed products tightly for storage. Any mixed Protective Top Coat material will harden and cannot be reused. Cover mixed Protective Top Coat securely, allow to harden in the container, and discard according to local regulations. Base Coat tools can be cleaned with water.

Maintenance and Care

Q. PLEASE DEFINE LIGHT USE VERSUS FULL USE?

A. Once the Protective Top Coat is dry it is okay to wipe down the surface with water; okay for contact with light weight items under 2kg; and okay for light food preparation. The Protective Top Coat needs to dry for 48 hours before light use, such as:

- Light weight items under 2kg
- Using a toaster or kettle
- Water pooling
- Light food preparation
- Cleaners or chemicals
- Wiping down surface with sponge and water

The worktops need to dry for 7 days before resuming normal use. Never use harsh chemicals or super-abrasives to clean your worktops. Wait 48 hours before caulking around the sink with 100% silicone caulk.

Q. HOW DO I SAFELY MAINTAIN MY NEW WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS SURFACES?

A. Caring for your resurfaced worktops is easy. To clean the surface, use a damp cloth or sponge and a mild soap or detergent. Do not use abrasive cleaners or tools. The easiest way to avoid stains is to not let spills sit on the surface. All worktop surfaces should be wiped clean regularly.

Trivets and pan holders will protect against heat damage, and using cutting boards for food preparation will eliminate any chance of scratching.

Q. HOW LONG WILL WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS LAST?

A. With normal use and proper care, your refinished surfaces will last for years.

Q. IS WORKTOP TRANSFORMATIONS HEAT RESISTANT?

A. Worktop Transformations can withstand heat up to 135°C for SHORT PERIODS OF TIME. Cookware still hot from the stove, oven, or microwave, as well as electric skillets, waffle irons, curling irons and hot rollers should not be placed directly on the coated surface. Use a trivet, insulated hot pad or other protective device beneath all heated objects

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