

KRAFTEX PRATLIGLO STARTER KIT Instructions



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**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF YOUR
'KRAFTEX' PRATLIGLO STARTER KIT!**

Contents:

1 x Kraftex Pratligno
1 x Kraftex Decopodge Sealant
1 x Kraftex Varnish
1 x Acrylic Paint

1 x Tray
1 x Graduated Mixing Cup
1 x Plain Mixing Cup
2 x Mixing Sticks

1 x Foam Brush
1 x Pair Polythene Gloves
1 x Bristle Brush

You are about to embark on a fabulous journey of creativity. This Kit is designed to get you started by producing a breathtakingly beautiful painted tray with inset picture. (See photographs). Once you have mastered the tray, you can try clock faces, sea-shell designs, figurines, chess boards, coffee tables, wooden coasters, intricate Decoupage and 101 other creative projects of your own.

Getting Started:

Before you get started, you will need to choose the picture that you are going to coat. Thin paper, like gift wrapping paper, from which you can cut a design is a good choice if you do not want to see relief. Photographs and other pictures can however also be used very successfully.

1. Prepare your picture. If you are going to cut out the picture (eg. a flower) from thin paper, do so very carefully. Use very small scissors to cut out background sections from within the picture and to cut accurately around the picture.
2. Using the foam brush, paint your tray. Apply about 2 - 3 coats. If you wish, you can use other colours to decorate the tray. (P.V.A. paint is the best) A gold keyline around the tray always looks good. Colour craft pens (with a 'v' notch cut into the tip) do this best. Wash the brush with water when finished.
3. Once the paint is dry, use your foam brush (from which you have washed off the P.V.A. paint with water) to apply a very thin coat of 'Kraftex' **Decopodge Sealant** (adhesive) onto the tray where you are going to stick your picture. Place your picture over the sealant and level it by dabbing with a lint free cloth or preferably use a printer's roller.
4. Now coat the inside flat base surface of the tray and the picture, with 'Kraftex' **Decopodge Sealant**. Apply 3 coats and wait \pm 20 minutes between coats for the sealant to dry. Sealing the tray and picture prevents minute bubbles from coming out from around the picture edges. It also prevents newspaper cuttings and non-glossy pictures from becoming transparent when Pratligned.
5. After sealing the inside base of the tray, it's time to coat the sides with 'Kraftex' **Varnish**. Apply 2 coats with a bristle brush. The reason for applying Varnish is to impart a gloss finish to the sides to blend in with the final Pratligno base. When finished, remember to wash the bristle brush with thinners.

6. Now for the Pratligno!

The most important thing here is to carefully read these instructions and the ones inside the Pratligno box!
Take careful note of the safety warnings.

You will need the 'Kraftex' Pratligno, the mixing stick, the two cups, a piece of card, a toothpick and a level surface. You will also need a very *clean* dust cover or box to cover the tray after you have poured the Pratligno. This is to prevent dust falling onto the Pratligno whilst it dries - even the smallest speck of dust will ruin the finish.

Note:- For this size tray you will only need to use about 25 ml from each Pratligno bottle.
Wear the gloves and avoid inhaling the vapour. Work in a well ventilated area!

* First carefully pour, into the graduated mixing cup, 25 ml. of the contents of the Pratligno bottle with the white cap. Now *carefully* pour, into the same cup, an *exactly equal* amount from the bottle with the black cap. To check this, place each of the Pratligno bottles next to each other and verify exactly the same height of left over product in each bottle. (The content of the second bottle is less viscous and easier to measure out so if you did not measure exactly 25 ml. from the first bottle adjust accordingly with the second bottle). **IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT EXACTLY THE SAME VOLUME FROM EACH BOTTLE IS USED!**

* Use the mixing stick to stir/mix for about 1-2 minutes. Whilst stirring, use the stick to scrape the sides of the cup. Now pour the mixed contents into the second cup and stir again. (This ensures thorough mixing with no unmixed material from the sides of the first cup.)

* Now pour the mixed Pratligno into the tray. Start from the edge and spiral towards the centre. Use a small piece of card (such as a business card) to coax the Pratligno into corners and uncovered patches. This must be done quickly before the Pratligno starts to cure. Pick up the tray and hold it at various angles to allow the Pratligno to run in the dipped direction. Make sure that every part of the tray is covered. The Pratligno will then spread and level itself if the tray is placed on an exactly level surface.

You will notice small bubbles in the Pratligno after pouring. Take a deep breath and slowly exhale onto the surface. The bubbles will pop and disappear like magic. Stubborn specks and bubbles should be removed with a piece of card or with a toothpick. **Do not accept any blemish on the surface at this stage!** Take great care with this. Once all the bubbles have gone, cover with the dust cover and leave to cure for at least 24 hours. Full cure takes \pm 72 hours.

If you have made a few errors and don't have a perfectly beautiful tray with a blemish free mirror-finish gloss, don't worry. You can sand it and pour on more Pratligno. (There is no need to sand off *all* of the original Pratligno.) You should also consult the Pratligno troubleshooting guide inside the Pratligno pack. **Enjoy!**



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