



PEARL EFFECTS

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Argentine Pearl



Bronze Pearl



Burnished Pearl



Champagne Pearl



Copper Pearl



Tawny Pearl

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Argentine Pearl over Lamp Black



Bronze Pearl over Lamp Black Milk



Burnished Pearl over Lamp Black



Champagne Pearl over Lamp Black



Copper Pearl over Lamp Black



Tawny Pearl over Lamp Black

Applying over GF Milk Paints

Before you begin!

- Fill any nail holes with putty that dries hard and can be sanded. Test color 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 add 5% water to thin.

Apply Milk Paint color. (This is the color that will be underneath the Pearl Effects.)

- Paint on a heavy coat of GF Milk Paint as solid as possible. Apply with an acrylic bristle brush, poly foam brush, handi-painter applicator, mini roller or spray on. Let dry 2-4 hours. Buff between coats of paint with a soft backed sanding sponge or 400 grit sand paper. Apply second coat of Milk Paint, let dry 2-4 hours.
- Apply 1 coat of water based topcoat to seal using acrylic brush, poly foam brush, handi-painter applicator, or spray on. Let dry for 2-4 hours. Once topcoat is dry sand 320 or 400 grit sand paper or soft backed sanding sponges to achieve good adhesion for the Pearl Effects.
- **Note:** For best results do not apply more than 3 coats of paint and top coat in one day. Allow to dry 24 hours dry time before applying the next coat.

If distressing, do so now! Use nails for worm holes, and add texture with screws, chains, jagged rocks or anything you can hammer into your wood surface.

Apply General Finishes Pearl Effects

- Apply Pearl Effects liberally with an acrylic brush, poly foam brush, handi-painter applicator, mini roller or spray on. Using smooth even strokes apply the paint going with the grain. Use enough material to provide a wet film, do not over brush apply and move on. Allow to 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.

Using Pearl Effects as a glaze

- To dry brush Pearl Effects add 10 % GF Extender, and apply with a bristle brush lightly dusting the surface to leave color.
- Color can also be removed by wiping off while wet like a glaze or sanded off when dry.

Applying water based top coat

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