



AMERICAN CLAY  
THE ORIGINAL EARTH PLASTER

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## GENERAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

“PORCELINA”

*Please read the full instructions before plastering.*

Maintain temperatures between 45 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit for 3 days before, during, and for 3 days after application.

### PREPARE WALL:

Protect adjacent surfaces with painter's tape, drop cloths, and/or plastic.  
Remove all flaking paint and loose surface material.  
Scrape off protrusions higher than 1/16" and fill depressions deeper than 1/16".  
De-gloss glossy painted or sealed surfaces.  
Clean dusty, greasy, and sooty surfaces.

### UNDERCOAT WALL:

Certain substrates, such as drywall, blueboard, and gypsum plasters will require an undercoat of *American Clay WallTooth* to provide the proper "tooth" for plaster adhesion. *Please see the full instructions on our website for a complete list of these substrates.*

### MIX PLASTER:

*You can mix American Clay Earth Plasters any time from 30 minutes to 24 hours before you plan to plaster the wall.*  
Measure 1 & 3/4 gallons of water into a five-gallon bucket or similar container.  
Slowly pour in about half of one 50 lb. container of *American Clay Earth Plaster*.  
Add a small amount of water to the pigment in the *American Clay Color Pack*, mix to a smooth, even paste, and add to plaster.  
Mix with a heavy-duty drill and plaster paddle until color is even and plaster is the consistency of pudding, adding more water if needed. Let the plaster stand for at least 30 minutes

### GENERAL APPLICATION:

*For most walls, the recommended application is two thin coats—a base coat 1/32" to 1/16" thick, followed by a 1/32" second coat (about the thickness of a credit card).*

Apply the base coat with a trowel.

When dry, lightly mist the base coat with water and apply the second thin coat (maximum 1/32").

### FINISHING:

**THIS CRITICAL STEP COMPACTS AND STRENGTHENS THE SURFACE, REDUCES TROWEL MARKS, AND PREVENTS DUSTING.**

When dry, rub the second coat with a barely-damp sponge or lightly mist the surface and work it with a stainless steel trowel, rubber float or horsehair brush. For additional finishing techniques, please see the full instructions at our website.

### CLEAN UP:

Tools can be cleaned up with water.

Dry unused plaster for later re-hydration and touchups.

### SEALING:

Sealing is optional except in areas that may be exposed to splashing water (around sinks, bathtubs, and shower stalls.)  
Please see product labels for application instructions for *American Clay Penetrating Sealer* and *American Clay Gloss Sealer*.

*For more in-depth information, see "Product Application" at [www.americanclay.com](http://www.americanclay.com)*