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## Chalk Paint Baskets

Breathe new life into older baskets with a fresh coat of chalk paint. The powdery muted hues of the chalky colours enhances a baskets weave with a delicate artisan touch.

DIY NOW!

### What's Needed:

Baskets (thrift shop finds are the best and cost less)

Chalk Paint- (select your favorite colour and brand) *We use Home Décor Chalky Paint by Folk Art/Plaid*

Paint Brush- (E.L.F Make Up Foundation Brush cost \$1-) best brush ever buy a few.

Work Surface- (covered to protect top)

### How To Make It:

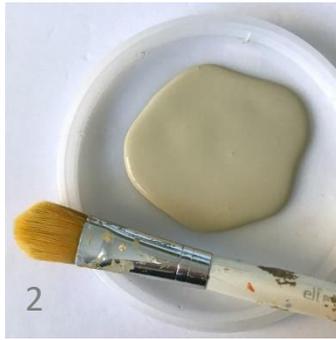


1-If using a thrift store find, basket may need cleaning. Place the basket in the sink under the facet. Run warm water over the basket. Add a mild soap if needed and rub lightly with your hand. Rinse well.

Towel dry basket. Let air dry completely or speed up the drying process with a hair dryer. Blow dry the basket on med heat. Keep air moving around until dry.

Once basket is dry hot glue loose wicker pieces in place, if piece is too damage cut off with wire cutters.

*This basket (after being painted) was used to make our Puff Ball Flowers project Holiday/Spring page [bluarlan.com](http://bluarlan.com).*



2. Select chalk paint colour (oatmeal). Shake paint well. Place a small bowl of water beside the paint. Dip the brush in the water periodically to keep the paint loose and flowing.

3. Paint the **entire** basket. This is an excellent painting exercise as the basket is made up of nooks and crannies. Brush the paint out, DO NOT allow the paint to drip. Drips can be avoided by not applying the paint too thick and brushing the colour out after each new application. And yes, it will take time, but the finished basket will be beautiful!

4. Let paint dry completely before using. No finish was applied.

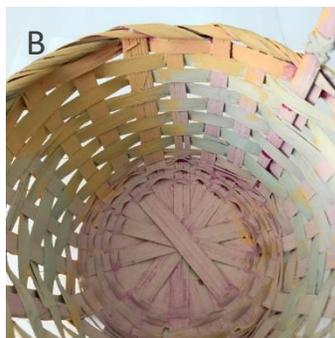
*Note: Once you get familiar with painting wicker and adapt a painting technique of your own, painting baskets will take less time. We paint most of the baskets featured on Blu Arlan using this technique.*

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Here is another example of a chalk paint basket. The chalky blue colour is stunning. This basket has a larger weave which makes it easier to paint. *Basket was used in the Gigantic Decorative Egg project Holiday/Spring Page bluarlan.com.*

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A. Easter baskets or coloured chipped basket are usually dyed.

B. These dyes will bleed into wet paint. To cover, paint baskets twice. The first coat will draw the dye out, the second will cover everything. Do not dip brush in water for this basket.

C. Painted wood chip baskets are more durable and trend forward than dyed ones.