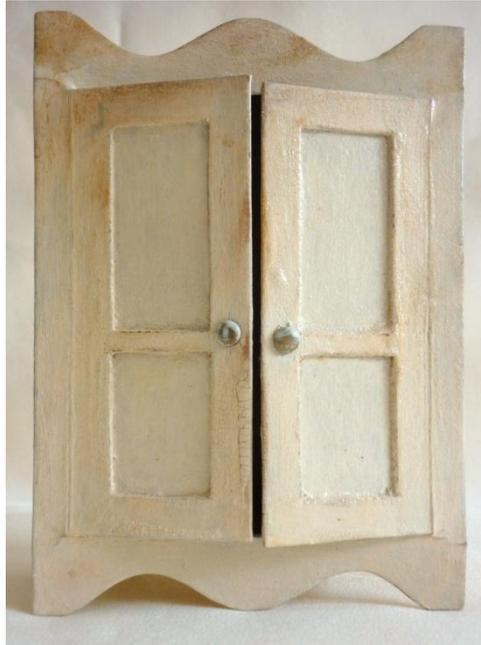


Changing the look of your wardrobe – ‘Worn Out’



You may wish to make your cupboard look aged or textured. I actually really love this kind of look. I am a great fan of Tim Holtz distressed products and the old vintage look overall. I think it gives things a really 'loved' appearance.

You can use various mixtures of paint to achieve a more tatty appearance as has been done with this white cupboard.

An antique white has been mixed with a plain white to get the effect of a aged white. To get more of a worn look, you can use a crackle glaze over the top of the paint. This varnishes the cupboard and creates little tiny cracks in the paint as it dries as shown under the handles in the picture above.

You can use either a two step crackle glaze, where you can paint one colour, then use the glaze and then finish with another colour on top. The cracks will only appear after the application of the top colour. This can create some good effects if you have a darker colour paint underneath, and a lighter colour on top. The darker colour will show through when the glaze cracks.

An easier method is to use a one step crackle glaze, which is painted on top of the paint and does not require another coat of paint to crack. A really good one is the Tim Holtz Distress Crackle Paint Rock Candy, which is a one step clear paint which cracks as it dries. It can be a little

expensive to go splashing it about all over the place but a few well placed brushes can give a good effect. Putting this glaze on thinly will result in fine cracks and a thicker layer will produce bigger cracks, so play around with it to get the effect you want. You can then use all your lovely distress inks to rub into the cracks. This will show up the crackled effect beautifully and gives a fantastic aged, vintage look. A mixture of tea dye, vintage photo and walnut stain was brushed across the cupboard above.

You can get a shabby cracked effect from the paint itself, rather than a glaze by using [Tim Holz Crackle Paint](#) colours. The paints are very thick though, so you will need to thin them down a bit. Again, this might be a more expensive option than just using ordinary acrylic paints but this is personal choice. Again, you can use all the distress inks to rub over the crackle effect to add real depth and a truly distressed look.



Another technique to get an aged effect is to paint your cupboard with your acrylic base paint and then sand lightly with a fine grained sandpaper in patches. This has been done on the cupboard below and will give the appearance of worn off paint. You can either sand the painted surface or sand a varnished surface which will give slightly different looks.

Whatever you decide to do, just have fun playing around with different techniques on a scrap piece of card until you are happy to use it on your cupboard.