

## Changing the look of your wardrobe – Paints

So you now have a plain cupboard that you want to decorate. If you decide to paint, choose a good quality acrylic craft paint as it will make the task so much easier. Kaisercraft produce a nice range of very affordable paint colours and the paint is quite thick, which means good coverage and the chipboard doesn't get too wet and soggy (which can make it warp or bend). You can blend these colours nicely too. For example, the mini cabinet shown below has been painted with a mixture of mainly Raw Umber together with a bit of Terracotta to lighten it a touch.



The acrylic paint will give a matt finish, which you can then cover with a gloss varnish to give it a shine. Wait for the paint to dry completely before varnishing so as not to ruin the finish. There are lots of different varnishes with different finishes (matt, silk or gloss) so play around on a spare piece of cardboard to find what you like the best before using it on your cupboard.

Before varnishing, you can lightly sand the painted surface with a fine sandpaper to remove any imperfections or rough spots. Do this carefully as it can damage the chipboard if you sand too hard.

