

Blank Resin Prop Guide

Thank you for purchasing one of my cast resin props from Red Nebula Studios! Whether claws, horns, or other decorative pieces, each one started as an original clay sculpture by myself (Sarrah Wilkinson), which I then molded in silicone and hand-cast using tough urethane resin.

This guide includes tips and tricks for how I recommend cleaning and painting your prop - but feel free to get creative with it and finish it however you see fit - my methods are certainly not the only way of doing things! Also, feel free to e-mail me at contactus@rednebulastudios.com or send a convo on Etsy if you have any questions or want to share pictures of your work with me. I would love to see it!

Always read the instructions and MSDS information on any chemicals or tools you use to complete your project, and use appropriate safety equipment and ventilation when needed. Red Nebula Studios is not responsible for any damages caused to yourself, others, or property. Be careful and stay safe.

Painting Your Prop

1. Start by thoroughly cleaning the prop's surface. You can use mineral spirits or soap and water to remove any oily contaminants (like fingerprints). You can also lightly sand the surface (220 to 400 grit sandpaper) to help the paint bond to it.
2. In a well-ventilated area, coat your prop with a spray primer rated for use on plastic. (I like the Rust-Oleum 2x Ultra Cover brand, but you can use whatever you prefer.)
3. Once primed, you can use acrylic paints to detail your prop. Even if you want it to be all one color, using a slightly darker color to enhance shadowed areas and a lighter color to enhance details can make it look much more realistic!
4. Finish with a spray sealant, like Krylon brand clear-coats. They come in matte, satin, and glossy varieties, so you can choose which one will best suit your needs.
5. Finally, make sure you give the primer and sealant plenty of time to set before you try wearing or using your prop piece. Some primers take a few days to fully set; be sure to read the instructions!

Glue

If you need to bond your prop to something, some glues work better than others. I've had the best luck with superglue, high temp hot glue, and epoxy two-part adhesives. In any case, it's best to roughly sand the area first (60 to 80 grit sandpaper) to give the glue more texture to adhere to.

In Closing...

Once again, thank you for purchasing one of my props, and please feel free to contact me with any questions!

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