

****KINTSUGI****

****GUIDE TO CREATING THE KINTSUGI EFFECT****

Kintsugi is an ancient Japanese technique that involves repairing broken ceramic objects using golden or silver lacquer, turning the fractures into decorative elements. Today, a similar effect can be achieved using epoxy resin and gold, silver, or other metallic-colored powder.

Here are the main steps to create a kintsugi effect using epoxy resin:

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**Required Materials**

1. Broken ceramic or porcelain object
2. Two-component epoxy resin (resin + hardener)
3. Gold, silver, or other metallic-colored powder
4. Wooden sticks or spatulas for mixing
5. Gloves to protect your hands
6. Fine sandpaper for finishing
7. Adhesive tape to hold the pieces together (optional)

**Procedure**

**1. Prepare the Pieces**

- Ensure the pieces are clean and dry.
- If the object is broken into multiple parts, assemble them to understand their arrangement.

**2. Mix the Epoxy Resin**

- Mix the resin following the recommended ratio of 100:45.
- Add the gold or silver powder to the mixture, stirring until it becomes uniform. You can adjust the amount of powder depending on the intensity of the desired color.

**3. Apply the Resin**

- Using a stick or spatula, apply a small amount of epoxy resin to the broken surfaces of the pieces you wish to join.

- Carefully align the pieces and hold them in place until the resin begins to harden (adhesive tape can be used to keep the pieces together).

4. Clean Up

- While the resin is still soft, clean any excess with a damp cloth or a sharp tool. Ensure resin remains only in the cracks.

5. Let It Dry

- Allow the resin to cure completely. Drying time varies depending on the product used but may take several hours or overnight.

6. Finishing

- If necessary, use very fine sandpaper to smooth out any imperfections.

- At this point, the golden cracks should be clearly visible, and the object will appear “repaired” with the classic kintsugi effect.

Tips

- For an even more decorative effect, you can use different shades of metallic powder, such as copper or rose gold.

- Work carefully and precisely, as once the resin cures, it is very difficult to adjust.

- If you don't have metallic powder, you can apply clear resin in the cracks and later paint over them with golden paint.

By following these steps, you can create a beautiful kintsugi effect, giving new life to your broken objects in an artistic way.