



Dixie Belle Product Reference Guide



HERE IS ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THINGS DIXIE BELLE.

I'll introduce each product in the order it would likely be used.

PROPER PREP

WHITE LIGHTNING

The first step to a beautifully painted finish is proper prep. Generally, the only prep needed on most pieces when using Dixie Belle paint is a good cleaning. There is no need to sand and usually no need to prime (more on that coming up).

I have always used Lysol-type wipes to clean my pieces, but Dixie Belle makes an amazing cleaner called [White Lightning](#). What I like about it is it cleans, degreases, AND deglosses your surface for the best prep possible. And with wipes being near impossible to find these days. I'm so happy to have a great alternative.

- Simply dissolve two TBSP into a gallon of hot water, or if you have a smaller piece, you can half that.
- Wipe your piece down thoroughly and then rinse with a clean rag and warm water.
- Allow it to dry and you're good to go.

Because it is also a deglosser, gloves are recommended when cleaning your project piece with White Lightning. *Not to be used as a general household cleaner or on metal.

DIXIE MUD

Before you can get to painting, you may need to patch hardware holes, gouges, areas of missing veneer, or just deep scratches.

[Dixie Mud](#) works perfectly for that and is available in three colors:

- White, Brown, Black

Apply it to your surface with a spatula or putty knife and allow it to dry:



- Apply the Mud higher than the level needed.
- Allow plenty of dry time, 1-3 hours, depending on how deep of a space you are filling. Laying your piece in the sun will speed up the process.
- Sand smooth with 220 grit sandpaper when the Mud is completely dry. If you close your eyes and run your hand across the area and still feel a dip, reapply and repeat.

What I like most about Dixie Mud is I haven't had issues with it hardening in the container like I do with most other wood fillers.

*It states on the container that refrigeration is encouraged to prevent the Mud from molding, but I have not had any issues with that in my climate here in Virginia.

PROBLEM SOLVERS

BOSS

BOSS has quickly become my best friend when it comes to preventing the dreaded bleed-through and ridding pieces of offensive odors. It comes in both a [white formula](#) and a [clear formula](#).

Older cherry, mahogany, or antique pieces often have tannins that will bleed through every layer of paint.

For these pieces, I like to start with a coat of BOSS to get ahead of any of those issues.



- Allow BOSS to sit overnight before painting. Proper dry time is key in being effective at blocking those tannins!
- Usually one coat will do it, but on occasion, I have had to apply two. Again, waiting overnight to start painting.
- No obnoxious fumes or odors!
- Water based for easy clean-up.
- If you have already started painting and realize you are getting bleed-through, you can apply BOSS right over your paint.
- If you are only getting a few stubborn areas of bleed-through, you can just spot prime with BOSS.

The bonus of applying BOSS when it comes to lighter colors is it will save you a coat of paint!

- If you plan to sand to distress, you will see the white of the BOSS underneath. If you do not want to see white come through, opt for the clear formula instead.

Remember this Black beauty?



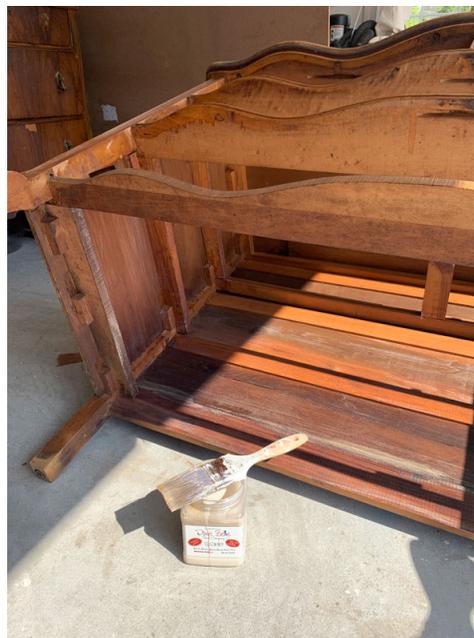
It was in need of some serious TLC:



While it didn't need BOSS for potential bleed-through issues, it smelled super MUSTY!

CLEAR BOSS TO THE RESCUE!

I applied one coat of [clear BOSS](#) to the entire insides of the dresser:



It sealed in those musty odors completely! Apply it with a brush.

SLICK STICK

[Slick Stick](#) was formulated as a base to help paint bond to glossy or other hard, shiny surfaces like laminate, formica, metal, and glass. Slick Stick is a problem solver and not necessary for every project.

- Clean your piece thoroughly with [White Lightning](#). Paint one coat of Slick Stick and allow to dry for 2-3 hours. Apply a second coat of Slick Stick and let dry overnight.

PAINTS

DIXIE BELLE CHALK MINERAL PAINT

Dixie Belle's Chalk Mineral Paint is available in 64 beautiful colors, each available in three sizes:

- 8oz: \$11.95 {One 8oz jar will paint a small dresser or approximately 38 square feet.}
- 16oz: \$19.95 {One 16oz jar will cover about 75 square feet.}
- 32oz: \$29.95 {One 32oz jar will cover about 150 square feet.}



Additionally, there are five more colors that are semi-retired that are available in the 16oz size only:

- [Terracotta](#)
- [Limeade](#)
- [Florida Orange](#)
- [Holy Guacamole](#)
- [Tree Frog Green](#)

You can also combine colors to create any custom color you can imagine!

- Many colors give solid coverage in one coat, however, I usually apply two. The lighter colors may take up to three coats depending on how dark your project piece is to start, with the exception of [Fluff](#), which has great coverage in only two.
- No need to sand in between coats.
- Finish with a good sanding with 220 grit sandpaper after your final coat has dried, heavier in the areas you want more distressed.
- Water-based for easy clean up
- No VOC's



ALL COLORS AND SIZES ARE AVAILABLE IN MY [ETSY SHOP](#).

I use Dixie Belle Chalk Mineral Paint for most of my projects. You can visit them all in my Project Gallery [HERE](#).

Check out how I paint my furniture in this video. At the end, I share how I sand after:

MOONSHINE METALLICS

Dixie Belle also has a line of metallic colors called [Moonshine Metallics](#).

They are available in a 16oz size in a stunning array of colors:

- Steel Magnolia
- Rozay
- Silver Bullet
- Wedding Belle
- Gold Digger
- Caribbean
- Deep Woods
- Pacific

[Moonshine Metallics](#) go on a bit sheer, so they cover best and go much further when layered over a similar regular color.

- No need to sand after or in between coats
- Moonshine Metallics are self sealing, so there is no need for a topcoat.

PATINA PAINTS AND PRODUCTS

[Dixie Belle's Patina Paint](#) can be used as is or with their Patina products to create amazing faux finishes.

Patina Paint comes in one 8oz size and three colors:

- Copper
- Iron
- Bronze

TO USE:

- After one coat of Dixie Belle Paint, apply one coat of Patina Paint, let dry. (If applying over metal, start with [Prime Start](#) to protect the metal.)
- Apply a second coat of Patina Paint and while still wet, apply a [Patina Spray](#) (available in blue or green)
- Sit back and enjoy the magic, and watch the rust begin!

Patina Paint incorporates real metal and naturally reacts as the patina spray is applied.

SEALERS

CLEAR COAT

One of the reasons I fell in love with the Dixie Belle line of products is the [Clear Coat](#). For years, I thought wax was the only topcoat option for white pieces because it was the only thing I had found that would not yellow over white paint.

Then I discovered Dixie Belle's Clear Coat. It is so much easier to apply and because it is water-based, it does not yellow over white paint.

It is available in four sizes and three finishes: [Flat](#), [Satin](#), and [Gloss](#). Clear Coat is perfect for sealing most pieces. (For pieces that get heavy use, read on.)

TO APPLY:

I use the [blue sponge applicator](#):



I used the satin finish on this piece and you can see the sheen on the top drawer. It dries to a nice, soft sheen. Apply up to three thin coats. I usually do two.

You can see more on how I apply sealer using the sponge in this video:

[A video tutorial showing how to apply sealer to furniture using a sponge applicator](#)

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If you have trouble viewing, find it on YouTube [HERE](#).

GATOR HIDE

Gator Hide is Dixie Belle's toughest topcoat! It is water repellent and perfect for high traffic areas such as cabinets, counter tops, tabletops and outdoor furniture!

- Also works great applied with the sponge
- Water based for easy clean up
- Dries in two hours
- Apply up to three thin coats for water repellent coverage

*For very dark colors, you may find you get a nicer result if you tint your sealer by mixing just a few drops of paint in with your Clear Coat or Gator hide. It will help to prevent "ghosting", which are the white streaks that appear across your finish when you run your hand over it.



BEST DANG WAX

Dixie Belle's [Best Dang Wax](#) is another option to seal and protect your finished piece.

It is available in two sizes and five shades:

- Black
- Grunge Gray
- White
- Brown
- Clear

TO USE WAX:

- Apply with a wax brush or soft cloth



- Buff off with a soft cloth
- Fully cured in 21 days
- NON toxic, environmentally friendly and NO harsh fumes like other waxes on the market
- Water based for easy clean-up

Waxed pieces need to be used with care for about the first three weeks. The wax will cure to a durable, protective finish.

I like to use Dixie Belle's colored waxes to highlight details.



EASY PEASY SPRAY WAX

[Easy Peasy Spray Wax](#) is an easy way to provide a durable finish.

TO APPLY:

- Simply shake (shake until you can no longer hear the liquid in the bottle), mist over a small area, let it stand for 30 seconds, and then wipe!
- Easy Peasy Spray Wax provides a clear matte finish.
- It can also be used on outdoor furniture and will not melt or become tacky.
- Reapply every 3 to 4 months for continued protection.

BIG MAMA'S BUTTA

I included [Big Mama's Butta](#) with the sealers because it is made from a blend of all natural Hemp Seed Oil, Coconut Oil, Beeswax and Carnauba Wax, so it can be used as a sealer also. Use it to enhance the woodgrain, revive, soften, and protect leather and other surfaces.

It is available in two sizes and three scents:

- Orange Grove (my fave!)
- Suzanne's Garden (light, floral, and lovely!)
- Unscented.

This unique blend is buttery, water-resistant and easy to apply!

To apply:

- Apply Big Mama's Butta with a soft cloth or brush, messaging it into the surface.
- Buff away excess.
- All natural and eco friendly
- Soap and water clean up

You can see here how it enhanced the natural wood on these drawers:



ENHANCERS

Dixie Belle makes a variety of products to give you just about any look you desire.

GLAZE

[Dixie Belle Glaze](#) is available in four sizes and nine luminescent colors:

- Van Dyke Brown

- Pearlescent
- Whitewash
- Sapphire Pearl
- Grunge Gray
- Gold Shimmer
- Black
- Hi-ho Silver
- Copper-Bronze

The glazes are water-based and can be used to create gorgeous decorative finishes. You can use them to enhance or age your paint finish.

TO USE GLAZE:

- Apply the glaze to your surface in small sections, using a brush or a cloth.
- Wipe away excess glaze or add more if necessary.
- Dry time varies. However, you usually have 10-20 minutes to work with the glaze before it dries completely.
- For more control, seal your finish with Clear Coat before applying glaze.
- There is no need to apply a sealer over the glaze.

CRACKLE

Crackle does just what its name implies. It provides a cracked finish to your finished project.

TO USE:

- Apply one coat of Crackle over any Dixie Belle Chalk Mineral Paint color.
- Allow to dry completely. It will dry shiny.
- Apply another Dixie Belle Chalk Mineral paint color over the crackle.
- Apply it quickly and DO NOT go over areas more than once.
- As it dries, you will see the finish crack and the original paint color show through the cracks. This may take up to 24 hours.
- Topcoat with any Dixie Belle sealer.

GILDING WAX

Dixie Belle's Gilding Wax has been reformulated and is due for release soon. I'll add more about it here when it arrives!

STAIN

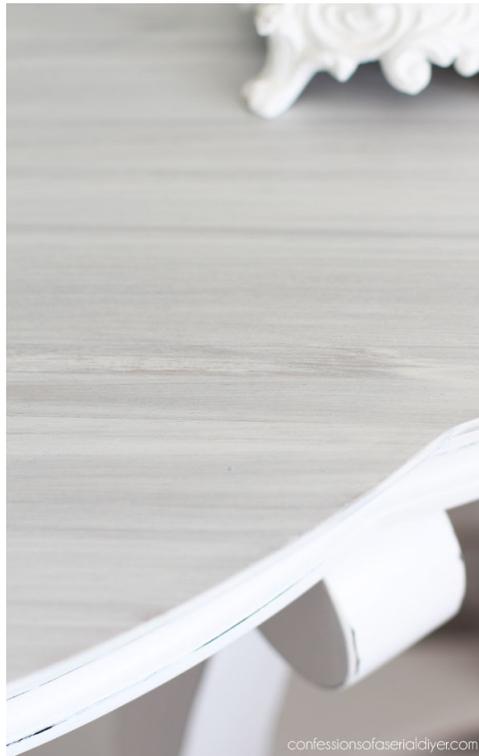
VOODOO GEL STAIN

[Voodoo Gel Stain](#) is a water-based stain that comes in the five colors you see here plus two more:

- Temptress (Teal)
- Bayou Moss
- Tobacco Road
- Up in Smoke
- Black Magic
- White Magic
- Denim

Voodoo Gel Stain is perfect on unfinished pieces and can also be used as a wash or glaze over painted pieces.

I love to use the [Up in Smoke](#) as the base for my whitewash technique:



Here is a video of how I create this look here:

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TO APPLY:

- Can be applied directly from the bottle to your surface.
- Use a soft cloth to work it into the surface.
- Wipe in the direction of the grain.
- Seal with any of Dixie Belle's sealers.
- Water-based for easy clean up
- Low odor, Eco- friendly, and noncombustible

Here is [White Magic](#) that we used on my sister's kitchen table and chairs:



[Gator Hide](#) was used to seal this table. See more of this project [HERE](#).

NO PAIN GEL STAIN

[No Pain Gel Stain](#) is an oil-based gel stain that provides deep, rich coverage for furniture surfaces.

It is available in six colors:

- Walnut
- Espresso
- Georgian Cherry
- Weathered Gray
- Picklin' White
- Colonial Black

TO APPLY:

- Use gloves to protect hands and apply with an [applicator pad](#) or a clean soft cloth.



- Apply in the direction of the grain
- For a darker finish, apply more than one coat.
- Gel consistency makes it easy to apply.
- Can be sealed with any of Dixie Belle's sealers. However, wait at least 72 hours or until the stain is completely dry to apply topcoat.

SUPPLIES AND HELPERS

BLUE SPONGE APPLICATOR

[Dixie Belle's Blue Sponge Applicator](#) makes applying [Clear Coat](#) and [Gator Hide](#) a breeze!

- Wrap with saran wrap or seal in a sandwich bag in between applications
- Rinse with warm water and use again and again.

APPLICATOR PADS

These [applicator pads](#) are made from lint-free terrycloth and are perfect for applying any of Dixie Belle's stains.

- Provides an even, flawless finish
- When using with Voodoo Gel Stain, rinse with warm water and use again and again
- One time use for No Pain Gel Stain
- Two to a pack

RAD PADS

[Rad Pads](#) are single-sided hand sanding pads.

- Soft and easy to hold
- Conforms to any surface
- Long-Lasting Aluminum Oxide Grain

Included in each pack are four grits to choose from:

- Medium (120-150)
- Fine (220-240)
- Very Fine (280-380)
- Super Fine (500-600)

SCRUBBY SOAP

[Scrubby Soap](#) is one of my favorites! It is a natural soap infused scrubber that is perfect for helping to scrub away paint, oil, dirt, and grease from your hands!

It is available in three delicious scents:

- Lime
- Lemon
- Orange

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