

Style it Out – Dressing a ‘Marble’ Side Table

Whether you’ve chosen a small side table or a larger piece of furniture for experimenting with your marbling technique, there will be lots of ways of styling and dressing the end results. It’s such a versatile look.

The colour palette that we have used is neutral. For me, it works to paint the base independently from the top marble surface in one of Annie Sloan’s neutrals - anything from Pure to Graphite - and keep it complementary.

As an alternative, you might like to embrace a French look? If so, try Louis Blue, Paloma or Versailles for the base table. For me, this look seems to sit very well in a gentle and natural way. I find these soft, easy-to-like tones work beautifully with marble, so I would perhaps stay away from any of the bright tones.

That said, I’m always happy to be proved wrong, so if you use a bold colour with my unique faux marble technique please send me your results. I love to embrace new ideas.

To prop and style your marble successfully then your aim is to make people believe that your faux painted finish is the real deal, so if you’ve created a small side table like mine, why not prop with a water jug and glass? As a rule, especially in European countries, you will find marble used in ‘wet spaces’ so this will add to the illusion that you are trying to create.

Also, on a larger project finished with my hand-painted marble technique, you could style the top with a large stone bust. These in themselves could be another faux finish over lightweight plastic, ceramic or plaster. By creating the look of stone or rust, your audience will be led to believe that the table is incredibly strong, fabricated from heavy materials, like stone and marble and the illusion is complete!

You could also add some household plants to the mix to create an appealing inside/outside botanical look.

These are just a few of the ways I’ve styled my painted marble finish in my own home, but I’d love to see what you do. Please share your pictures and ideas with the Painted Love community once you join us on the inside.

