

# Little Greene®

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## TRADITIONAL OIL EGGSHELL

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### DESCRIPTION

A flexible, hard wearing, washable and water resistant oil based eggshell finish designed for both exterior and interior application to suitably prepared surfaces.

### PROPERTIES

Gloss Level	Eggshell (10 to 20%*)
Theoretical coverage	16 square meters per litre (varies with surface porosity & texture)
Recommended film thickness	35 microns dry, per coat.
Recommended number of coats	2
Surface dry	4 hours

Time to recoat	16 hours minimum
Volume solids	63%
Colour availability	All Little Greene colour ranges**
Pack size availability	1, 2.5 & 5 Litre

\*The final sheen level may take up to seven days to be reached, depending upon film thickness and drying conditions.

\*\* Little Greene oil based finishes are formulated to the highest possible quality. However, due to current EU legislation on solvent levels, lack of exposure to UV light or exposure to heat may lead to yellowing over time.

### APPROVALS & STANDARDS

Manufactured under the auspices of ISO 9001:2008 quality & ISO 14001:2004 environmental management systems.

2004/42/EC EU limit value for this product (cat.A/dsb): 300g/l (2010). This product contains max.300g/l VOC.

This product has been tested under the regulations outlined in French Indoor Air Quality Decree No 2011-321 – Arrête April 2011 and was awarded an A+.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

**New wood:** For soft woods, knots should be sealed with knotting compound to prevent staining and then primed with Little Greene Traditional Oil Primer Undercoat. Resinous hard woods require cleaning and treatment with Little Greene Aluminium Wood Primer (consult the relevant product data sheets for further details) prior to undercoating.

Ensure moisture content of the timber is below 15% before commencing application. Damp wood should never be painted as this may give rise to blistering, flaking, cracking and premature coating failure.

Green oak should not be painted unless it has been weathered for at least 6 months.

**Metals:** New ferrous metalwork should be hand, or mechanically cleaned, to remove any surface rust before application of Little Greene Traditional Oil Primer Undercoat. Non ferrous metals must be pre-treated or primed with an appropriate proprietary primer.

**Existing paint finish:** Remove all loose and flaking paintwork. Degrease with a suitable detergent solution, such as sugar soap, followed by clean water rinse. Rub down thoroughly with a medium grade sand paper to provide a key and a defect free smooth surface, "feathering in" areas where paint has been removed. Make good any repairs, sand and apply primer to exposed surface as appropriate.

**Plastics:** For long term performance, clean & lightly sand down surfaces, using a proprietary adhesion promoting plastics primer before applying the finishing coat. When item is to be fully encapsulated in the paint (such as external down pipes) then a light rub down is more than adequate.

### APPLICATION

Stir thoroughly before use. Do not apply to surfaces when the ambient temperature is below 5°C.

**Brushing:** Use a high quality natural bristle brush that is suitably sized for the project at hand. New brushes should be conditioned by washing in clean white spirit and thoroughly drying with a clean, lint free, cloth.

Avoid immersing brush too far into the paint to prevent paint from entering the ferrule. Avoid drips and splashes by not overloading the brush. Apply paint in even strokes and only extend painting area such that a wet edge can be easily maintained. For the highest quality appearance, keep final brush strokes all in the same direction and never go over paint that has already begun to dry.

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For intricate items, or where high ambient temperatures/high air flow conditions cannot be avoided, the open time maybe extended with either a 5%(v/v) addition of white spirit or a 3%(v/v) addition of a propriety paint conditioner. This advice is also applicable to large flat areas; however, use of a paint roller is the recommended application method in such cases.

Lightly rubbing down between coats will remove any dust motes and other surface contamination, producing a near professional finish.

**Roller:** Use a short nap mohair type sleeve for best appearance on smooth surfaces. Increase nap length for textured surfaces, as appropriate, to ensure even and thorough coverage. Keep final strokes all in the same direction, maintaining a wet edge throughout. Never be tempted to go over already drying paint as this will lead to lap marking and flashing. Where high ambient temperatures/high air flow conditions cannot be avoided, the open time maybe extended with either a 5%(v/v) addition of white spirit or a 3%(v/v) addition of a propriety paint conditioner.

### Spray Finishing:

#### Conventional

Thin with up to: 25%(v/v) white spirit  
Tip size: 1.60 to 2.00 mm (62 to 78 thou)  
Air pressure: 0.28 to 0.41 MPa (40 to 60 psi)

#### Airless

Thin with up to: 10%(v/v) white spirit  
Tip size: 0.28 to 0.54 mm (11 to 21 thou)  
Pressure at tip: 12.6 to 19.6 MPa (1800 to 2800 psi)

### CLEANING

Remove excess paint and clean all equipment using white spirit, or appropriate substitute, immediately after use. Never store brushes or roller sleeves in cleaning solvent as this will result in deterioration of their application performance.

### STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

Store unused paint in a cool, dry, frost free area, away from direct sunlight and sources of ignition. Ensure tin lids are securely and correctly replaced after use. When unopened and stored under the conditions above, this product is stable for a minimum period of two years.

### AFTERCARE

**Cleaning:** For light surface soiling; use a dilute, lukewarm solution of domestic washing up liquid and a clean sponge or lint free cloth. Ensure sponge or cloth is well wetted (but not dripping), wipe the affected area and repeat as required.

To help prevent general build up, keep your home well ventilated during activities likely to contribute to oil and grease accumulation, like cooking. Tackle dust generated from DIY by, preferably, collecting at source or thorough vacuum cleaning.

General dusting can be effectively achieved using paper towel or soft cloth and the damp dusting method. To prevent marking, always use a soft brush attachment to vacuum clean adjacent surfaces.

**Special Care:** Avoid placing heavy objects onto surface for a least a week after painting. Bookshelves and other frequent use surfaces may benefit from a very light application of beeswax polish to help prevent marring over the long term.

**Repair:** Lightly rub down area to be repainted, apply a suitable primer to any exposed substrate. Repaint item "break to break" with one or two coats as required. Stand alone items, such as window frames and doors, may require the whole item to be repainted to avoid slight colour differences between the existing finish and adjoining repair areas. Inferior aesthetic results will likely be achieved with just spot repairs.

### DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

Dispose of excess or waste paint via a licensed waste handing operator.  
Empty metal containers may be recycled (remove plastic handle on 2.5L and 5L tins).

### HEALTH & SAFETY

Always read the label on the can before use. Ensure maximum ventilation during application and drying. Consult product material safety data sheet for further details.

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