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# **DUX ACRYLIC TOPCOAT**

A water-clear non-yellowing topcoat specifically formulated to prevent the lifting of leaf when top coated, a common problem with many varnishes on the market. When properly applied, this product will prevent tarnishing/oxidation of imitation gold, silver leaf and metallic finishes. This *TopCoat* has excellent water, ultra-violet and chemical resistance. It can also be used as a wood finish/sealer and concrete sealer. It is available in a gloss or satin finish.

## **Directions for Use**

Surfaces must be smooth and free of any dust, oils, wax and fingerprints. If the leaf requires cleaning, only alcohol should be used. If applying *TopCoat* over a previously finished object, the surfaces must be cleaned and lightly sanded, and a small area should be tested to ensure compatibility. Please contact our technical department for recommendations.

### **Application**

The *TopCoat* has been formulated to be used at the consistency provided by the manufacturer. If the user feels that thinning is necessary, mineral spirits may be added in small quantities. *TopCoat* may be applied by brush, roller or spray. As with any paint or coating, this product should be mixed prior to use. If brushing, any good quality natural bristle brush should be used, the self-leveling properties of the *size* eliminate the need to over-brush the coating. If rolling, use a high quality short nap roller cover. When spraying, follow the equipment manufacturer recommendations. Best results are obtained with a minimum of 2 coats. Allow 3-4 hours of drying between coats.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Approximate Coverage: 150 square feet per gallon

Clean up with lacquer thinner.

Acrylic TopCoat is primarily designed to prevent the oxidation of metal leaf and to protect the gilded surface from gentle handling. It should never be applied on leaf that may be subjected to heavy use such as: table tops, cabinet doors etc.

Top-coating of silver leaf is best done within 4-6 hours of gilding to prevent oxidation from occurring. It is best to use the quick-setting **size** to ensure that its exposure to the atmosphere is kept to a minimum. Care should be given that the edges of the leaf are completely sealed. At *least* two coats of *TopCoat* are recommended for optimal protection.

Ideal application conditions: Temperature: 65-75° Fahrenheit Relative humidity: 40-60%

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