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YOUR

RAIN BARREL

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Basic Steps in Painting/Decorating your Rain Barrel

- Make sure the barrel is clean using an alcohol/water mix or soapy water.
- Buff the surface with sand paper, removing dust and debris
- Spray with a plastic primer.
- Buff again, after dry, with sand paper. Make sure barrel is clean.
- Paint barrel using an exterior acrylic paint.
- Allow at least 48 hrs. to dry.
- Apply a top-coat sealant as an option since a sealant may not be necessary with an exterior paint.



Suggested Materials to Use

- Exterior paint primer
- Sand paper.
- Acrylic exterior paint.
- A polyurethane paint sealant (optional).



Additional Tips:

- Use leftover exterior house paint as an option.
- Use stencils.
- Use branches, leaves or any materials or shapes to spray on silhouettes.
- Paint your barrel the same color of your home.
- Use it as a fun project for kids.

