

Gray Goddess Tutorial

1. Using your 220 sandpaper, lightly sand your piece to remove any old, chippy polycrylic, to smooth out any imperfections, such as light scratches, and to give it a fresh texture for the paint to bond to. Unless your piece needs it, you do not have to sand it down to bare wood when using Dixie Belle Paint.
2. Mix the White Lightening in your spray bottle. Spray your piece generously then wipe off with a dry microfiber towel. Repeat this process. Allow to dry completely.
3. Using a Dixie Belle synthetic mini brush, brush Caviar paint onto the frame of your piece, including the top- NOT the sides or drawers.. Repeat a second coat once dry.
4. Moving onto the drawers...using the mini brush again, paint the bottom drawer Hurricane Gray. Paint the middle drawer Mason Dixon Gray. Paint the top drawer a 1:1 mix of Tea Rose and Mason Dixon Gray. *if you have more than 3 drawers, make more colors by mixing the 3. For example, for a 5 drawer dresser, you will paint the 5th drawer Hurricane, mix Hurricane and Mason Dixon for the 4th drawer, Mason Dixon for the 3rd, Mason Dixon and Tea Rose for the 2nd and Tea Rose for the 1st.*
5. Once your frame is completely dry (usually 12-24 hours), tape off the painted purple frame then paint the sides Drop Cloth.



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6. Once that is completely dry (12-24 hours), tape off the stripes and paint Caviar. Using a credit card, ensure that your tape is pressed all the way down to avoid bleeding. This will take 1-2 coats.

Peel off tape while the last coat is still wet.

7. Now it is time for the fun part! Due to every piece being different in style, you will have to determine where you want your accents to go. In this particular design, you only have 3: black and white dots, leopard and silver. I usually use the silver on all detailed, ornate pieces then use the others for any larger areas of trim.

8. Once you have painted your accents, do any touch ups necessary then let cure for 24 hours.

9. Now it is time to glaze. This step is optional but necessary in my eyes. It will give your piece depth and dimension. Using your chip brush, apply the glaze to the furniture, one section at a time, wiping it off with microfiber towels as you go. I usually apply, wipe with a wet towel, then smooth out the leftover glaze with a dry towel. Be sure to glaze in all of the seams and crevices of your furniture. On flatter surfaces, such as the sides and faces of the drawers, just leave a light layer of glaze on top, almost like you are staining.

10. After about 6-8 hours, once your glaze is completely dry, apply the water repellent top coat, Gator Hide with your mini brush.

