

# Even More New Uses for Milk Paint!

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You may remember we first introduced authentic milk paint to the readership of Edifice Magazine in issue Number Three, a.k.a. Volume 2 Issue 2, 2004. In that article, (page 40), the author, Monica Bee, raved about the quality and durability of this product – one of the most ancient of paints known to mankind! The article noted that it is ideal for children's furniture and toys because there are not any toxins in the product.

After several years of testing and observation by Homestead House Paint Company and independent testing by Edifice Old Home Magazine, we both found that milk paint is ideal for exterior applications as well when an oil finish is applied periodically. Several images in this article shows an old fence and stairs rejuvenated with an application of milk paint and hemp oil; note the image with paper on the wet surface, (so you can use the steps during drying without the paper sticking).

The very old, c. 1800, door on the pit house for the Cooper's Canada series had barn red milk paint applied with a coat of hemp oil. It is absolutely beautiful and provides a dash of colour and an honest historical look (see image).

The milk paint comes in powder form and is mixed with the correct amount of water; then it is finished with a coat of natural hemp oil. Add colour to your decks, fences, or wooden siding. Apply it on either your old or new unfinished wooden outdoor projects for best results. 

