



# Painting Your Rain Barrel

- 1 - Scrub the barrel with soap and water - Rinse well.
- 2 - Wash the outside with a 1:1 mix of White Vinegar and water; let dry.
- 3 - Sand the outside lightly, using 220 grit sandpaper; vacuum to remove all grit
- 4 - Tape off all parts that you do not want to paint.
- 5 - Paint the entire barrel with KRYLON Plastic Fusion Primer [@\$5.99, spray cans]. Use 2 - 3 cans, available at autobody shops or [www.MisterArt.com](http://www.MisterArt.com). Can also use XIM Plastic and Vinyl Primer. Plan to apply 2-3 thin coats, wait 24 hours to apply second coat.
- 6 - Plan and paint your design, either using stencils or free-hand, using Acrylic paints.
- 7 - When fully dry apply 2 coats of Exterior Clean Polyethylene or Krylon Clear Plastic Primer. Two thin coats is better than one heavy coat.

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Links:[www.ne-design.net/rain-barrel-paint.html](http://www.ne-design.net/rain-barrel-paint.html)  
[www.mghe.org/2011/01/24/paintingplastic-rain-barrels/](http://www.mghe.org/2011/01/24/paintingplastic-rain-barrels/)  
[www.MisterArt.com](http://www.MisterArt.com)  
[www.aquabarrel.com/learn\\_paint\\_a\\_barrel.html](http://www.aquabarrel.com/learn_paint_a_barrel.html)