

# FARROW & BALL®

CRAFTSMEN IN PAINT AND PAPER

## PRODUCT ADVICE SHEET

### Soft Distemper

All Farrow & Ball paints are eco friendly with low or minimal VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) content and are water based giving them a low odour and quick drying time which benefits both you and the environment.

#### Available Tin Sizes: 5 L,

In all Farrow & Ball colours except: 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 34, 36, 40, 42, 43, 47, 51, 57, 64, 66, 74, 75, 79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 88, 91, 93, 96, 212, 214, 217, 218, 220, 222, 223, 234, 237, 243, 244, 246, 248, 251, 254, 255, 256, 264, 265, 267, 268, 271, 272, 273, 276, 280, 281, 283, 284, 287, 288, 289, 290, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299. Available direct from Farrow & Ball (visit [www.farrow-ball.com](http://www.farrow-ball.com), email: [sales@farrow-ball.com](mailto:sales@farrow-ball.com) or call: +44 (0) 1202 876141), our Showrooms and selected stockists internationally.

#### Product Overview:

An exquisitely powdery finish for fine interior plasterwork, Soft Distemper is a blend of natural resin and minerals that can be easily removed from detailing and cornices. Not washable or wipeable.

#### Painting with Soft Distemper:

Requires no undercoat. Dilution: As supplied Soft Distemper requires an addition of at least 10 % water. For ceilings of varying porosity a further dilution may be required to provide good flow and minimise variations in colour and tone. Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Flaking or peeling may occur if painting over weak paint layers. New surfaces – Newly lime plastered surfaces should be fully carbonated and cured for 4-5 weeks prior to application. Previously distempere surfaces – wash off the existing distemper thoroughly, paying particular attention to the crevices of delicate mouldings, and allow to dry. Previously painted surfaces (modern finishes) – It is not suitable for surfaces painted with modern finishes such as gloss or eggshell, these need to be removed prior to painting. Plaster ceilings which have salt problems will stain and blister subsequent paint coatings, using Soft Distemper will allow the ceiling to breathe and enable the problem to be monitored. Structurally damaged surfaces – such as cracking or loose plaster must be repaired or filled with an appropriate filler. Farrow & Ball do not recommend the use of modern fillers on lime based substrates as they will trap moisture and are too hard, leading to cracking and uneven porosity when painting. Considerations: Due to the traditional nature of this finish, Farrow & Ball Soft Distemper will not accept subsequent layers of modern paints. Soft Distemper is made in the traditional manner using fine pigments and will inevitably have some small variations in colour. The porosity and moisture content of the surface it is applied to will affect the colour and can lead to changes in tone.

#### How to Apply Paint to Walls by Brush:

Stir thoroughly before use. Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Please note that flaking or peeling may occur if you paint over weak paint layers - to avoid this sand back any previous weak paint layers before you start painting. Using a fine-tipped synthetic bristled brush, apply the paint in a vertical direction then spread the paint out evenly in a horizontal direction. On application of the final coat lay off the paint in a single direction to ensure that any brush marks and brush patterning effects (sometimes visible in certain lighting conditions) are minimised.

#### How to Apply Paint to Walls by Roller:

We do not recommend applying Soft Distemper by roller to large areas such as walls and ceilings as a slight surface texture (stippling) may be visible.

### Spray Settings:

HVLP Spraying – Depending on the apparatus used, the paint may need to be diluted with water by up to 30%. Experiment with air control valve, material flow adjustment, fan size and spray pattern settings on a piece of cardboard or an inconspicuous area until a satisfactory finish is achieved. Apply several thin coats, allowing each coat to dry fully before applying the next one.

### Other Product Applications:

If you wish to use Farrow & Ball products for any applications which are not featured here, please contact Customer Services for advice on +44 (0) 1202 876141 or email [customer.services@farrow-ball.com](mailto:customer.services@farrow-ball.com). Please note that calls may be recorded for training purposes.

### Application Information:

Do not paint in temperatures below 10°C or in excessive heat above 30°C.

Coverage Rate (m<sup>2</sup>/l per coat): : Up to 13

Drying Time: : Dry in 2 hours.

Sheen Level: : 2%

Recommended Number of Coats: : 1\*

\*Darker/stronger colours may require additional coats. Please note: The drying and Recoat times provided are based on applying paint in normal conditions - drying times may be longer in cooler and/or higher humidity environments. Darker Colors may take longer to dry.

Density: : 1.2 - 1.4 g/cc

Wet Film Thickness: : 80 - 120 µm

Application Humidity: : < 80 % RH

Wet Abrasion Class: : No Classification

### Picture Framing:

As Soft Distemper has a matt finish, care should be taken when painting darker shades of colour. Always keep a wet edge while painting as losing the wet edge during application can lead to a common decorating problem known as “Flashing” (a halo effect where two edges of paint meet).

### Colour Accuracy:

Check for colour accuracy prior to use as Farrow & Ball will not be liable for decorating costs caused as a result of an incorrect colour being applied. When more than one tin of the same colour is to be used ensure that batch numbers are identical or intermix before use. Stir thoroughly before use.

### Cleaning:

Soft Distemper is not washable or wipeable. Please note that very matt finish of this paint will mean that some colours will become marked or scuffed when washed. For areas of high wear consider using Farrow & Ball Modern Emulsion.

### Clean Up:

Remove as much product as possible from brushes. Clean brushes with warm soapy water.

### Storage Advice:

This product is water based and must be protected from frost and extreme temperatures. Use within 6 months of purchase. We accept no responsibility for the deterioration of contents or packaging after this date.

### Environmental & Disposal Advice:

Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Dispose of contents/container to waste disposal site in accordance with local/national regulations. Contact the local Environmental Department for disposal instructions. Metal containers may be recycled.

### VOC Content Information:

EU limit value for this product (cat. A/[a]): 30g/l (2010). This product contains max 2g/l VOC.

### Formulation:

A water based dispersion of pigments in cellulose.

**Water Absorption according to DIN EN 1062 3 (w24 [kg/m<sup>2</sup>√24h]):**

1.48 (Class I, limit >0.5). This is the volume of water absorbed into a 1m<sup>2</sup> area through the paint surface within a 24 hour period. The lower the w24 value, the more waterproof the paint film. Paint water absorption is class rated, from Class I to Class III. Class I in this instance denotes a low waterproof rating.

**Health & Safety Advice:**

Keep out of reach of children. Ensure good ventilation during application and drying. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Do not use solvent thinners or White Spirit. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF SWALLOWED: Call a doctor if you feel unwell. Safety data sheet available on request.

**Contact Us:**

For advice on colours, paint finishes or wallpaper our customer services team is on hand to help you, just call +44 (0) 1202 876141, email [sales@farrow-ball.com](mailto:sales@farrow-ball.com), or write to us at Farrow & Ball, Uddens Estate, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7NL, UK. Please note that calls may be recorded for training purposes. Imported in EU by Farrow & Ball, Kaiserstraße 25, Frankfurt am Main, Deutschland, +49 (0) 69 2424 6269.

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