

CHROMA'S JO SONJA®

FACT SHEET

CRACKLE EFFECT WITH GOLD LEAF

Materials:

- Jo Sonja's Background Colour of choice
- Jo Sonja's Tannin Block Sealer
- Jo Sonja's Retarder
- Sheet(s) of Gold Leaf
- Jo Sonja's Water Based Polyurethane Varnish (Matte, Satin or Gloss)
- Soft Cloth such as Chux
- Soft Paintbrush approx 10cm across
- Sea Sponge with large holes if possible

Method:

1. Apply one or two coats of your chosen background colour and allow to dry.
2. Mix a very small amount of Retarder Medium into some Tannin Block Sealer
3. Using the sea sponge, dab a thick coat of Tannin Block Sealer & Retarder mixture on top of your Background Colour where you intend to place the gold leaf*
4. Allow to dry to tack. Surface is ready when your finger leaves an imprint, approximately 10 minutes or less depending on weather conditions.
5. Carefully lift up the sheet of gold leaf and press down gently on this surface using a soft cloth
6. Now taking the paintbrush, lightly brush surface of gold leaf which should remove those areas of leaf where there is no Tannin Sealer, allowing the background colour to show through.
7. Allow to dry thoroughly before applying a coat of Jo Sonja's polyurethane varnish for added durability.

NOTE: **When you dab using a sea sponge (preferably with large holes, you will create spaces where the Tannin Block Sealer mixture cannot adhere so you can achieve the effect described in step 6 above*