

# 5 Steps to a Gorgeous Deck with 10X and 4X Restore



## **Step 1: Read the directions.**

Please read the [10X Restore Instructions](#). I have seen how this stuff ends up looking, both when the instructions are followed and when they're skipped. If you want to avoid ugly deck syndrome, read the instructions.

## **Step 2: Be prepared**

- Please use common sense. Dress for painting. Use a drop cloth. This stuff ruined the painting clothes I was wearing.
- Buy the recommended rollers, brushes, and accessories. Regular rollers cannot handle this stuff! I didn't try to salvage the brushes and roller once I was done.
- Paint only in the designated temperature range; otherwise the paint won't cure or dry right and it will be ugly.
- Prep the deck by cleaning it with soap and water (or a power washer!) Let the deck dry before you paint it.

### **Step 3: Paint the deck**

- You WILL need two coats. They aren't trying to sell extra 10X; you really DO want two coats. That second coat makes a big difference.
- Apply paint liberally. I thought I erred on the side of too much, but the excess just dripped off. It left the right amount and it looked great.
- Roll the Restore Roller in only ONE direction. You could ignore this advice, if you want your deck to be pitted, uneven, and missing coverage in areas.
- Roll along the length of the boards to get a natural, wood grain look. It looks beautiful. You can roll it across the shorter, narrower parts of the deck, but it makes your deck look like you used some really weird, patch-worked wood to build the deck. It doesn't look pretty - trust me.

### **Step 4: Let it cure**

- Let the 10X and 4x dry before you walk on it - at least 24 hours for light use. Ours needed closer to 48 hours. Test it in an inconspicuous spot before walking on it.

### **Step 5: Enjoy your new deck!**

You've earned it! It's still going to be bumpy and imperfect, but it is supposed to look like a natural wood grain board. This will look and feel so much better, though, because there won't be any splinters to worry about.

