#### **MASONRY FLAT & MASONRY TEXTURED**

# **HOW TO APPLY**

## 1. See if you need a primer.

RECOMMENDED SURFACES	INTERIOR	EXTERIOR
Absorbent, Unpainted Brick & Stone (can absorb water)	No Primer needed	No Primer needed
Nonabsorbent Or Glossy Brick/Hardie Board/Cementitious Board	MicroGrip Primer	MicroGrip Primer
Concrete/CMU Block/ Portland or Gypsum Stucco, Pre-painted brick or stone	MicroGrip Primer	MicroGrip Primer

### **Helpful Tip**

To check for absorbency on masonry, throw some water on it and see if it soaks it up, then it's absorbent. But if it forms droplets or sits directly on the surface, it is non-absorbent and will require a primer coat of MicroGrip.

## 2. Check your quantity.

#### **IMPORTANT: MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT COLOR.**

Check the texture of the brick and depth of the mortar joints as it will vary the amount of paint you need.

Determine exact coverage by performing a test with a one liter sample and see how far it covers with both the first and second coat.

Masonry Flat and Masonry Textured are both recommended as 2 coats.

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1L/1 QT covers 65 – 85 Sq/Ft	1L/1QT covers 50- 70 Sq/Ft
2.5L/1 GAL covers 165 - 215 Sq/Ft	2.5L/1 GAL covers 130 - 180 Sq/Ft
15L/5 GAL covers 1000 – 1300 Sq/Ft	15L/5 GAL covers 800 – 1100 Sq/Ft

# 3. Get your tools.



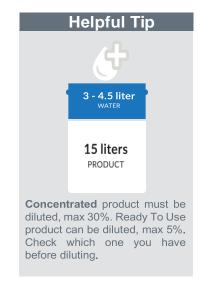
	Brush	Roller	Sprayer	Mixing Bucket
FLAT	✓	$\checkmark$	HVLP (1.4mm-1.5mm tip or Airless (.519521 tip)	
TEXTURED	✓	$\checkmark$	TEXTURE or AGGREGATE SPRAYER <b>ONLY</b>	$\checkmark$

# 4. Should you Dilute?

#### **IMPORTANT: CONCENTRATED PAINT MUST BE DILUTED\*\*\***

Pour concentrated paint into a separate, clean mixing bucket and add the amount of water listed below (dilution rate).

FLAT/TEXTURED	DILUTION RATE	1L	2.5L	15L
Minimum	20%	200ml (~7 OZ)	500ml (~17 OZ)	3L (~3 QT)
Maximum	30%	300ml (~10 OZ)	700ml (~24 OZ)	4.5L (~1 GAL)



Romabio paints from Italy are sold concentrated for a smaller carbon footprint while making the journey overseas. Whether made in Italy or the USA, our paints are natural and better for the environment.

Using a paddle drill or a stir-stick, mix thoroughly for 3 – 5 minutes until there is uniform consistency with no standing water. The dilution rate varies by product type and is also listed on the back label.

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## 5. Prep your surface.

#### IMPORTANT: YOU SHOULD DAMPEN THE MASONRY SURFACE FOR BEST REULTS.

Pressure wash and thoroughly clean all surfaces prior to application. Mild soaps are acceptable, but usually not necessary. If they are used, make sure all residue is gone before painting. Protect surfaces that will not be painted.

For absorbent, unpainted masonry surfaces, dampen the wall or leave it damp from the initial cleaning. You don't need to have running water on it, but it should not be dry, anything in the middle is fine. This is especially important when temps are high.

#### Helpful Tip

Prep and paint on the first day allowing you to save time and manage your project better.

Rain will not affect the paint

application after 4-8 hours

of drying time.

### 6. Start painting.

Apply in 50-90°F. Do not apply if the temperature drops below freezing in the first 36-48 hours after application. Apply like other traditional paint products.

Do not try to achieve perfect coverage with the first coat. Apply the first coat and allow the paint to dry 4-8 hours before applying the second coat. Touch up at any time because of the flat finish.

Two coats are a condition of the 20-year limited warranty for Masonry Flat and Masonry Textured.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT LET MASONRY FLAT OR TEXTURED SET ON MASONRY SURFACES THAT ARE NOT TO BE PAINTED. If they do get on them, remove immediately. You can use a mild acid like vinegar or muriatic acid for harder cleaning if necessary. **Helpful Tip** 

# 7. Clean up and you're done!

Clean-up with water and soap if necessary.

Romabio Paints are organic, and they will not harm lawns, plants or trees.

Masonry Flat & Masonry Textured are washable, but they should be allowed to cure for 14 days before cleaning. Light pressure washing may work as well, but not all stains can be removed because the paint creates a permeable surface.

If you pour the paint into a separate bucket and store the undiluted paint, you can store it for many years as the undiluted product has an excellent shelf life.

If you pour the water directly into the paint bucket and store the diluted paint, then this will reduce the shelf life and depending on storage it may only last a short period.

If you paint directly out of the container, this may cause contamination, so we do not recommend storing it for future use.

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