HOW-TO APPLY

1. See if you need a primer.

**RECOMMENDED SURFACES** | **INTERIOR** | **EXTERIOR**
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Absorbent, Unpainted Brick & Stone | No Primer needed | No Primer needed
Nonabsorbent Or Glossy Brick/Hardie Board/Cementitious Board | BioGrip Micro | BioGrip Micro
Concrete/CMU Block/Portland or Gypsum Stucco, Pre-painted brick or stone | BioGrip Micro | BioGrip Micro

**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 BioGrip Micro.

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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<td>1L/1 QT covers 65 – 85 Sq/Ft</td>
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<td>2.5L/67 GAL covers 165 – 215 Sq/Ft</td>
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<td>15L/4 GAL covers 1000 – 1300 Sq/Ft</td>
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**Helpful Tip**

The first coat needs a min of 20% dilution to ensure the initial bond.

3. Get your tools.

**Flat** | **Texture**
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**Brush** | ✓ | ✓
**Roller** | ✓ | ✓
**Sprayer** | ✓ | ✓
**Mixing Bucket** | ✓ | ✓

**4. Add water.**

**IMPORTANT: PAINT MUST BE DILUTED.**
Pour concentrated paint into a separate, clean mixing bucket and add the amount of water listed below (dilution rate).

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<td>Minimum</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Maximum</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>300ml (~0.3QT)</td>
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<td>4.5L (~1 GAL)</td>
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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.

All Romabio paints are sold concentrated for a smaller carbon footprint and cleaner product.
5. Prep your surface.

**IMPORTANT: YOU MUST DAMPEN THE MASONRY SURFACE.**
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.

For absorbent, unpainted masonry surfaces, wet 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.

For all other surfaces, prep the same as with any other type of painting.

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


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.

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

Touch up at any time because of the flat finish.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT LET MASONRY FLAT & 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.

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7. Clean up and you’re done!

Cleanup with water and soap if necessary.

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

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 concentrated product has an extremely long 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 contaminate it so we do not recommend storing it for future use.

*For more, check out the videos on @romabiopaints Youtube channel.*