**What is Powertex?**

**Powertex is a versatile, environmentally friendly, water based, acid free, liquid, textile and fabric hardening medium.** Essentially it is an all in one multipurpose product which can be used as a paint, glue and fabric hardener to create unique and wonderful art work. It can be used in conjunction with any porous materials such as paper, fabrics, and cardboard, air-drying clays, concrete, stone, ceramics, wood, dried flowers, barks, and Plaster of Paris.

POWERTEX is ideal for recycling old preloved or hated odds and ends. Old clothes, scraps of wool, fabric, timber, paper, fibres, laces, cotton threads, beads, mosaics, bark, and wood shavings are all suitable materials to use with Powertex. You can create beautiful sculptures, ornaments, impressive jewellery, 3-D paintings on canvas, and wall art for internal or external use, inside the home or outside beside the pool.

Powertex enables the preservation of memorable treasures such as baby’s first shoes, feet or hand impressions, or clothing.

**Powertex is available in 7 colours:** Bronze, Terracotta, Lead**,** Ivory, Black, Green and Transparent. Transparent enables you to keep the integrity and colour of a piece of fabric in your artwork. So if you have an amazing piece of coloured fabric you can use it and retain its beauty.

**Altering Powertex colours to make your own colours:**

It is easy to create your own colours by using ***Powertex Power Colour Pigment Powders*:**

* Before adding the pigment to **Transparent Powertex**, add a little water to the powder and stir until you have achieved a smooth paste-like consistency.
* Stir the paste slowly into the transparent Powertex, and mix well.

Alternatively, you can add **Ivory Powertex** to **Powertex Colour Pigments** for more pastel tones.

Additionally, you can then apply acrylic paints to the finished product to highlight and embellish your creations.

**How do you apply Powertex?**

You can dip and rub, spray, or paint it.

**Outside Statues:**

* It takes approximately 2 weeks for Powertex to cure. **Do not** apply varnish or leave outside until the Powertex has had a chance to dry and harden properly.
* Once your completed statue has cured, you can coat your project with **Easy Varnish**. This is a water repellent and will provide extra protection against the physical elements.
* Acrylic Paints used for embellishments **must be sealed** with varnish prior to leaving outside as this paint will not be weatherproof.

**Important information and tips for use:**

* Stir and mix well before use as the product like most paint like products can separate and must be mixed well for the best results.
* Powertex is mould resistant.
* 100% Natural fibres work best. Test a sample before starting your main work and if the fabric sticks to itself, it should work well. Natural fibres will cure harder than unnatural fibres.
* You may paint your Powertex project with oil, acrylic, latex or PowerColor, once it is dry or while it is drying depending upon the desired result.
* Powertex does not adhere to plastic, but you may overcome this by covering the plastic item with masking tape.

**Temperature**

* Do not store or transport Powertex *below 0° Celsius.* The minimum working temperature for Powertex is 10°Celsius. Once Powertex is cured, the temperature does not affect the finished product.

**Cleaning**

* Clean tools and hands well, with warm soapy water after use.
* Protect your clothes with an apron and **remove jewellery.** Once Powertex hardens it may be impossible to remove.

**Weather resistance**

* Powertex is suitable for inside and outside projects.

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| **★★★ AP seal of approval ★★★**  After extensive testing, Powertex textile hardener has been awarded the AP seal of approval.  **Powertex is non toxic and safe** for use by children and adults.  ***“The new AP (Approved Product) Seal, with or without Performance Certification, identifies art materials that are safe and that are certified in a toxicological evaluation by a medical expert to contain no materials in sufficient quantities to be toxic or injurious to humans, including children, or to cause acute or chronic health problems.”*** |