

# Sponge Rolling Technique Instructions

**Preparation:** Prepare wall for painting. Paint the wall with flat, eggshell or satin basecoat and allow to dry.

## Technique:

**Step 1:** Mix 1 part paint with 4 parts Glazing Liquid.

**Step 2:** Install the Sponge Roller Cover. Wet the Sponge Roller thoroughly with water then gently squeeze out excess and blot on a dry absorbent cloth. Determine which sponging method is to be used. Depending on which method being used follow either Step 3 or Step 4.

**Step 3: Negative or "Sponging Off" Method.** Using a standard paint roller, apply the paint/glaze mixture to the wall. Using the Sponge Roller, starting in the corner at ceiling level remove the 1<sup>st</sup> strip in a downward motion, then roll in various angles. Continue sponging off in vertical, horizontal and diagonal directions. Repeat this process on other walls. Roll sponge roller on cardboard to remove paint buildup. **It is very important to make sure that the glaze does not dry. Sponging off is best done with two people, one to apply the glaze and one removing the glaze with the Sponge Roller Cover.**



**Step 4: Positive or "Sponging On" Method.** Using your Sponge Roller, apply the paint/glaze to the wall starting in the corner at ceiling level in vertical, horizontal and diagonal directions to vary the pattern. If your Sponge Roller becomes overloaded with paint, backroll on a large piece of cardboard to remove excess paint. Leave as much of base coat showing through as you desire, **for best results try to be consistent.**



**Tips:** With either method it is important to keep the leading edge of the paint/glaze pattern wet. Complete one wall at a time. You can use a painting sponge to dab into corners. Clean the Sponge Roller Cover with warm water until it runs clear.

**Hint:** The technique can be repeated in a 3rd color over the thoroughly dried first application. Adding additional colors can either soften or strengthen the overall effect depending on tone. We recommend you try the technique on a test board.

