

Liquid Latex

A new twist to the age old art of body painting is liquid latex. This rubber compound is a fluid medium when dried looks and feels like your second skin. It is quick and easy to apply, and by painting on layers, you can get quite creative and wear in public as “Paint-on clothing”. It’s been spotted on runways in Paris, Hollywood stars and a favorite in the Fetish Scene. Great for Halloween wear!

You can use it for the face, parts of the body as accessories like gloves, leggings or the entire body. Paint it over denim, lycra, spandex for reusable wear, or saran wrap a skirt and paint over it to conceal. Liquid Latex can also be used for a multitude of other useful purposes, such as coating the bottoms of area rugs, coating tool handles, or bike chains/locks, creating mold figures, protection from sharp edges, creating various artwork and of course your party attire.

Not recommended as a contraceptive or prophylactic though. Deviant Liquid Latex, a quality brand I recommend is non-toxic and biodegradable, however if you have sensitive skin or allergic to latex, sulfur or ammonia you should avoid. A skin test should be performed before you use if unsure.

It comes in a variety of colors including fluorescents and different sizes pending on how much body you are covering and how many coats you do. You will need some sponge brushes and a sealer. If you want to experiment then get the [Starter Kit](#) or the [Rainbow Kit](#) that have all these things included as well as detailed instructions.

It takes about half an hour to do the top part of the body and can take as long as two hours to successfully complete an entire body with 3 coats, which you would need about a 32 oz. After you apply your first layer you must wait until it dries for 5-10 minutes or use a blow dryer for even faster results before applying the second, and third. About 2-3 coats are recommended but for a sturdier richer look you may want 4-5. It can last up to 48 hours before peeling without a shower if you do not do things where you sweat too much.

You can apply liquid latex by dripping, pouring, dipping, painting, spraying and even silk-screening but as clothing for the body it is best to use a small to medium sponge brush for a smoother look, and you need to keep the brush moist in water while not using or will dry up, so have a few applicators handy. Put a towel down in the area you use for drippings. Body hair should be either shaved or trimmed short. Alternately you can apply a liberal amount of lotion/oil to the body hair and let dry before you begin to paint, especially on areas like eyebrows if doing the face. Do not apply in the opening of party parts. If concerned about the genitals, then paint over a spandex thong, but it is considered safe to paint directly on them. Keep in mind if your going to be wearing it for a night out of dancing, lotion may not be necessary. The perspiration from your body will loosen the latex the longer it is worn.

While applying the layers be careful not to let two painted body parts touch as the latex will band immediately and tear. If this happens simply apply two coats (allow drying time in between) over the tear as a “patch”, it is not necessary to start over.

Once you have completed the amount of layers you want, you should seal the latex. You may use any water/silicone base such as Deviants brand called [Slick Polish](#), which gives a shiny and slick appearance and feel to any latex, vinyl or PVC material. Or use their [Stardust](#) metallic colored powders to create brilliant, colorful metallic sheen. You can make a silver or gold effect by

putting it over black liquid latex. Simply dip a clean brush in powder and cover all latex with powder.

To remove the latex, just have fun pulling it off the skin, like ripping your shirt off in the heat of passion. Your partner can even pull it off with their teeth but it is not edible as it is rubber. If you're having trouble removing latex, step into a hot shower using a liberal amount of soap or oil, wait a few minutes and peel off.

Enjoy your experience with Liquid Latex; from painting it on, playing and pulling it off you are now ready to explore paint-on clothing this Halloween or elsewhere!