

## Technical Tip

# Chink Paint

Chink Paint can be used in several situations. Some types of log homes have cosmetic chink joints that serve no purpose other than giving the home the appearance of a chink style structure. These false chink joints are typically quite shallow and although some people try to apply Perma-Chink into these joints it is much easier to paint the joint with Chink Paint than it is to apply a thin layer of Perma-Chink.

When staining a home that is already chinked, it takes less effort to paint the existing chinking with Chink Paint than it does to try to protect the chinking with masking tape during the staining process. It is virtually impossible to prevent some stain from getting on the chinking and once stained it is extremely difficult to clean or paint just the stained areas to blend with the surrounding chinking. If you are applying a new finish to your home you may as well refresh or even change the color of your existing chinking. This really gives the home a new, fresh look. Since Chink Paint has a texture identical to Perma-Chink, it's impossible to tell if the surface is original Perma-Chink or Chink Paint.

When applying Chink Paint the first step is to make sure the product is well mixed. Chink Paint contains an aggregate to give it the same texture as Perma-Chink. Over time this aggregate may settle to the bottom of the pail so it's important to stir it well to make sure the contents of the container are uniform before beginning. Chink Paint is best applied using a paint brush with about two to three inches of fairly stiff bristles. It's not necessary to use an expensive brush since it will probably be thrown away once the job is completed. A chip brush works just fine. Keep a wet rag handy to wipe off any Chink Paint that may get on stained surfaces and clean-up with soap and water.

