

Stepwise guide to painting headboard and footboard

Step 1: Gather materials and prepare workspace

Materials needed:

- [Dixie Belle White Lightning cleaner](#) (TSP-based)
- Dixie Belle products (primer, paint, topcoat)
- Sandpaper (220 grit)
- Surf Prep sander
- RZ mask for sanding protection
- Painter's tape
- Rad Pad (for sanding)
- Small artist brush for touch-ups
- [Dixie Belle Cotton](#) (for painting)
- [Dixie Belle Satin](#) (for topcoat)

Prepare a well-ventilated workspace, ideally outdoors if weather permits, for spraying.

Step 2: Clean the furniture

Goal: Remove oils, grime, and other residue from the furniture.

- Mix Dixie Belle White Lightning cleaner in a spray bottle.
- Spray the cleaner generously on all surfaces and wipe down thoroughly.
- Allow the furniture to dry completely before moving on to the next step.

Step 3: Sand the furniture

Goal: Smooth the surfaces and prepare them for painting.

- Put on an RZ mask to protect from dust.
- Sand the furniture using a Surf Prep sander and 220-grit sandpaper. For intricate areas, use a sponge pad to conform to curves.
- Pay extra attention to areas with gouges or screw holes. Fill these spots with Dixie Mud for a smoother finish.
- Once sanding is complete, wipe away any dust with a clean cloth.

Step 4: Apply primer (Dixie Belle Boss)

Goal: Block stains and prepare the surface for paint.

- Strain the Dixie Belle Boss primer to ensure it is free of lumps.
- Use a sprayer to apply a thin coat of primer to all furniture pieces.
- Let the primer dry completely before applying the paint.

Step 5: Paint the furniture

Goal: Apply the base coat to your headboards and footboards.

- Use Dixie Belle Cotton (white paint) for a clean look.
- Please set up your sprayer, fill it with the paint, and begin spraying.
- Apply two coats of Dixie Belle Cotton for full coverage. Allow each coat to dry in between.

Step 6: Apply topcoat (Dixie Belle Satin)

Goal: Protect the paint and give the furniture a smooth finish.

- Strain the Dixie Belle Satin topcoat before use to avoid any clumps.
- Use a sprayer to apply an even coat of the topcoat to all painted surfaces.
- Allow the topcoat to dry completely. This step helps protect the finish and ensures durability.

Step 7: Touch up

Goal: Fix any areas where the paint might have bled or missed during spraying.

- Remove any painter's tape carefully.
- Use a small artist's brush to touch up areas where the paint didn't cover properly or where tape lines left slight marks.
- Let the touch-ups dry before proceeding.

Step 8: Final reveal and assembly

Goal: Finish the furniture makeover and prepare it for the home.

- Once all coats are dry, carefully remove any painter's tape and inspect for imperfections.
- Reassemble or move the headboards and footboards to their final location.
- Enjoy the refreshed look of your newly painted and polished furniture.