

Flocking Automotive Interiors by Rick Mascilak

If you want to make that extra level of realism to your car model, simulating the carpet and cloth surfaces is the way to go. Fortunately, there is a product widely available and the technique is easy to master. It's called flocking, and the material used is made from polyester fibers.



Flocking comes in many different colors to match your model interior or the effect you wish to depict. Different colors can be mixed together for variations. Two of the main manufacturers are Detail Master and Ken's Kustom Kar.

Materials:

You'll need just two, the Flocking and an adhesive. There are apparently splits as to preferences here. Some use Elmer's white glue, some spray adhesive, and some paint. Rick happens to prefer the paint method, because the paint underneath helps in areas where the flocking is thin. The paint should match the flocking color, unless a specific look is required. Rick gave the example of simulating that green indoor/outdoor carpet that was popular to put on boat floors. In that case, green flocking was applied with black paint. Always experiment and make your own combinations.

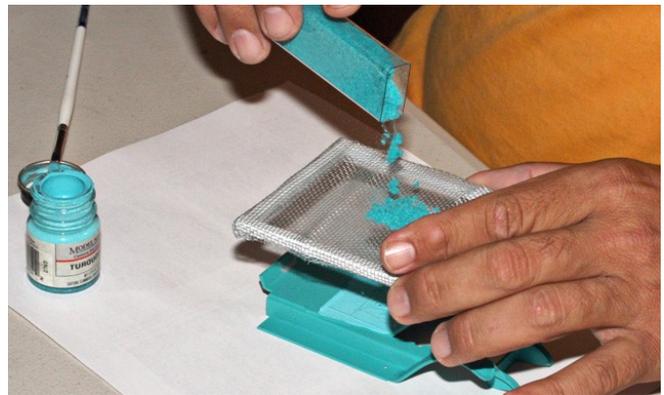
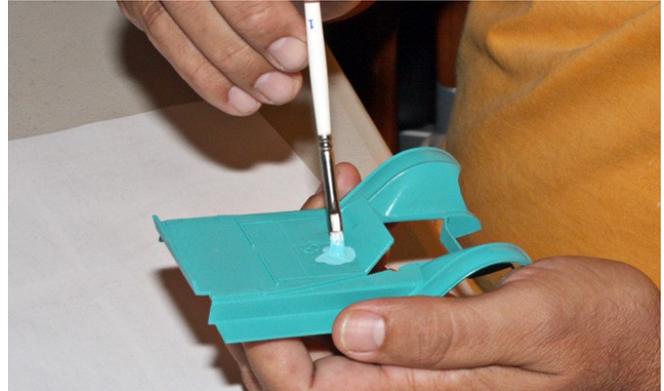
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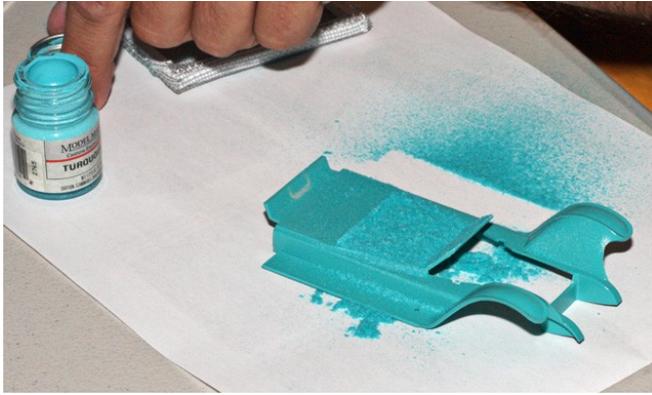
Rick paints the surface with a brush first, working quickly to keep the paint wet. Try to avoid splitting up a panel, because a line will exist between the two areas.

Rick then uses a fine woven screen to pour the flocking on and then taps the screen to sprinkle the flocking over the wet paint. This ensures even coverage. Apply more than you think is needed.

The final step is to lightly tap the flocking with a finger, and then blow off the excess.

It is possible to paint over the flocking when all is dry, but only with well thinned paint. Otherwise it will clump and make a mess of the flocking.





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