

WEATHERING THE FROCK COAT



THESE ARE THE PLACES
YOU NEED TO WEATHERING

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How to weather the coat: first get a sponge and a bowl (or whatever you want to use) and put some water in and a little bit of bleach..

DISCLAIMER: PLEASE BE CAREFUL - DONT RUSH THINGS - TAKE YOUR TIME - LITTLE BY LITTLE - STEP BY STEP - OR YOU CAN REALLY DAMAGE THE COAT - PLEASE REALLY BE CAREFUL!

Wet the sponge and then dry it well, rinsing out the excess water. (you don't want a wet sponge, just a slightly damp sponge) Then apply the moist sponge over the coat (in the highlighted areas) leave it in for a moment and then check your progress.

How to check - Well this is a really important step... so I made you a lot of reference photos of my own weathered coat... you should also check the hundreds of reference photos of the actual screen used coat.

If you watch the coat for a while, you will notice the color start to change. Take a picture of the weathering, and then check it against your reference – Why? - Because this is the big problem for almost all the Jack costumers out there.

When you see things in real life – things look different - this is a big problem when you are trying to copy or reproduce something. Remember for the movie they used a lot of camera filters, which makes objects look different. For example: in the locker scene Jack's bandana looks so pale - really pinkish - but that is the effects of a filter, so don't try to copy "that" bandana using "that" reference picture. I have seen that mistake in a lot of Jack costumes. So then when you post pictures of yourself, the bandanas (or other items you made *) look so different from the screen used costume.

At the very beginning, try with just a little bit of bleach, then increase the amount a little bit at a time. Again, this is up to you - you need to check the color of your coat - I can't help you with this. Use your own eye and your best judgment. Go slow and DONT BE AFRAID - distressing and weathering is the best part of the game.









The color of your coat after the weathering process is kind of a gold brownish. This is because you are taking away the blue color - savvy? [I tried to take the best pictures I could, but the light in here is making the coat look gray, but my coat looks the same as Jack's screen used coat – believe me]

Cheers!
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