FEATURES:
- heavy duty cardboard tube construction with metal ends
- 2" diameter, 8-1/4" long (overall closed)
- two parts - one cylinder slips snugly inside the other
- separate tube for each color used is recommended if possible

APPLICATION:
A simple, inexpensive applicator for spraying on suede-tex.

INSTRUCTIONS:
The application of "Suede-Tex" is the final step in the completion of a project. All sanding and application of finishes should be complete (Fine sanding is not necessary although the surface should be relatively smooth.) If the project includes a hinged top, the top should be attached after the "Suede-Tex" is applied. It is easier to apply the fibers when there is no cover attached.

First step: Seal the wood to be coated. Sealing the wood is essential. Even woods that appear hard (e.g. masonite) can be porous and will absorb the adhesive. This may be done with lacquer, shellac, polyurethane (if the surface is very smooth, rough it up slightly), etc. - anything that will prevent the wood from drinking the adhesive. Oil finishes may be used with care to be sure the excess oil has been absorbed.

Second step: Application preparation. Prepare the spray gun by removing the cap and filling no more than 2/3 full with fibers. Replace the cap and set aside. Be sure to do this before brushing on the adhesive. Line the inside of a cardboard box with a large plastic bag (dry cleaning bag) to use as a spraying area. The static will minimize overspray and clean up will be easier.

Third step: Brush on the undercoat adhesive. It is not necessary to mask the wood if it is sealed and IF YOU BRUSH CAREFULLY. This is done by using the flat side of the brush and using a drawing motion toward the edge of the wood. If you should get a small amount of adhesive on the edge, simply wipe it off. Since the wood is already sealed, the adhesive will sit up on top and is easily removed. This should be done before the fibers area applied. As a precautionary measure, wipe the top surface once around the edge after you have applied the adhesive to ensure a clean line. (Some people still prefer to mask to guarantee clean lines.)

Apply a wet coat of the adhesive - that is, enough for the fibers to dig into when they are applied. The coat of adhesive should be smooth, but not dripping wet.

The adhesive remains open to the fibers for 10 to 15 minutes - this is your working time. If you are working on a larger object, use a larger brush or roll on the adhesive.

CAUTION: If you are working on one continuous piece, DO NOT work in sections as the lines between the sections will show. If you are working on a project that has many small sections requiring more detailed application, do half at a time.

Fourth step: Spray on the "Suede-Tex" Fibers Place the adhesive-coated project in the cardboard box to apply the fibers. Hold the gun 8 to 10 inches from your project on an angle of 45 to 90° and pump on the fibers. To ensure the fibers continue to hit on the same angle, MOVE THE PROJECT, NOT YOURSELF, while you are spraying (this is not always possible when you are spraying the sides of a larger project). Apply more "Suede-Tex" than you think you need and then some more. You cannot overcoat - only so much will stick and rest falls off and is REUSABLE.

Once you have applied enough fibers, set your project aside to dry - approx. 10 to 15 hours before you remove the excess fibers. This will prevent you from accidentally dislodging the "Suede-Tex" while it is drying. This drying time can be sped up with the use of a heat lamp BUT TAKE CARE TO KEEP AT LEAST 18" BETWEEN THE BULB AND THE FIBERS. Do not use a heat lamp with a blower. The drying time is now approx. 7 hours. The adhesive is dried after this time but will take 72 hours to cure completely. Some care should be taken in handling the project during this time period.

Fifth step: Clean up. To remove the excess fibers from your project simply shake them into the lined cardboard box - remember this fibers are still usable. Using a dry, clean, soft brush, wipe out the excess fibers. The fibers may also be blown off the project is air is available. DO NOT USE A VACUUM - the suction could dislodge some of the fibers. To remove the excess fibers from the spray gun, simply remove the cap and shake them out - a tap on the side and the gun is ready for the next color or project.

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