



# How to Paint Duck Decoys

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- Watch the step-by-step video [here](#)
- Supplies needed
  - Earth brown flat non-reflective spray paint
  - Khaki flat non-reflective spray paint
  - Black flat non-reflective spray paint
  - Yellow spray paint
  - Green spray paint
  - White flat oil based paint
  - Small paint brush
  - Painters tape/masking tape
  - Box cutter/knife
  - Disposable/plastic gloves (optional)
  - 1 plastic sandwich bag
  - ¼ inch masking tape
  - ½ inch masking tape
- **WARNING:** Do this in an open area as the paint fumes can be dangerous!
- Estimated time: 15 minutes per decoy shell plus 3-5 hours combined drying time



**Step 1:** Clean and dry the decoys.

**Step 2:** Apply ¼ inch masking tape covering the white tail feather area, white side feather area and white ring around the decoy neck.



**Step 3:** Next, spray the khaki flat non-reflective spray paint on the top wing and side wing section of the decoy. Apply it by doing short bursts of the paint to ensure that you get a good covering throughout the top and side feather area without getting excess paint on the decoy. Allow to dry completely, approx 45 minutes.



**Step 4:** Cover the area you just painted with khaki spray paint with the ½ inch masking tape.

**Step 5:** Spray the black flat non-reflective spray paint on the tail feather and middle section of the decoy. Again, as you are applying the paint do it with short bursts. You will want to do your spraying by holding the decoy with the backside facing you; this will allow you to ensure that the paint is getting in the raised feather ridges which will give the decoy the look of real feathers.



**Step 6:** Take the plastic sandwich bag and put it over the decoy head. This is to keep the head covered while we paint. Use the earth brown flat non-reflective spray paint on the front section of the decoy along with a light spray of the wings. When done with this part the back 1/2 of the decoy will be black and most of the front 1/2 of the decoy will be earth brown. Allow this to dry completely, approx. 45 minutes.



**Step 7:** Use the ¼ inch masking tape to cover the decoy eyes and beak. Apply the green spray paint with short bursts to the head and neck area. Be careful not to get paint on the rest of the decoy body. Allow to completely dry 45 minutes.

**Step 8:** Remove the masking tape from the decoy beak and apply masking tape to the head, neck and chest section of the decoy, leaving the beak exposed. Apply the yellow spray paint with short bursts to the beak. Be careful not to get paint on the rest of the decoy body.



**Step 9:** Remove the ¼ inch masking tape from the white tail feather and side area of the decoy and apply the white, flat oil based paint to the tail feather and side areas with the small paint brush. Also, pull back the ½ inch tape around the decoy neck area and paint it white. Allow to completely dry. Approx 2-4 hours.

**Step 12:** Remove the masking tape from all sections of the decoy.

You will now have a freshly painted decoys that will add a higher level of realism to your decoy spread.

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