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A Discussion of Casting Finishes

We've been painting our castings with metallic spraypaints from Krylon and others for a long time. By using the can as an airbrush and mixing several different colors on the same casting you can get wonderful effects. Bronzes, Coppers, Golds, Antique Gold, Pewter, Silver and Brass can be mixed together with black to make some beautiful stuff. Be careful with golds as they tend to be very thick and can quickly obliterate any details on the skin. Same goes for whites.

There are also some wonderful "pearlescent" paints on the market. "Modern Masters" makes some water based acrylic ones that are really cool. My favorite is one called "Flash Copper Sheer". You can get these at good paint stores like Sherwin Williams or Denfield Paint.

I heard from a lady that is soaking her baby hand casts in strong tea to give it color.

We've also worked with shoe polishes, Johnson's floor wax, and oil paints mixes with linseed oil.

I even painted one of my hand "realisitically". It was a very tough project because there are so damn many colors in your skin. I included the light blues of the veins and even put in the little moons on my fingernails. I did it in acrylic. It was a present for my mom. Most customers probably wouldn't have been able to afford it.