

Resin Pigment Powder vs. Liquid: Which Should You Choose?

Liquids and powders and glitters - Oh, my! Do you know what kind of resin color you should be using? What's the difference between resin pigment powder vs. liquid?

This article will show you the differences between liquid and powder pigment and how to make the right choice for your resin works!

Resin Pigment Powder vs. Liquid: Which is Better?

In the debate between liquid and powder resin pigments, you'll need to picture your intended effect.

It depends. Both methods of coloring have their advantages and challenges, but what matters most is that you are happy with your product in the end.

What are the differences, advantages, and effects of each coloring method? Let's take a deeper dive into the wonderful world of pigments.

Liquid Pigment

What is resin liquid pigment? Liquid resin pigment is similar to dye or concentrated paint. It contains a high concentration of color in a bottled, liquid form.

Liquid pigment is designed to dissolve and blend seamlessly into your resin, resulting in a consistent, solid color. Resin artists can usually achieve deeper, stronger colors using resin liquid. Liquid colors are also easier to mix for the perfect shade.

Liquid pigments are generally more expensive than powders. They also have a shorter shelf life and [must be stored](#) upright and in perfect conditions.

You should not use any water-based colors or paints in your resin. Keep in mind that adding liquid color will change the liquid resin to hardener ratio, so you may need to rethink your composition or practice with a small amount before using liquid color in large projects.

Resin Powders

The category of resin powders includes additives in a dry, solid form. Resin powders can serve more purposes than liquid pigments, such as adding sparkle, shine, and dimension.

Mica Powder

Mica powder is a resin addition intended to add shine and shimmer to the resin, almost like a very fine glitter. [Mica powder](#) is made from natural ground mica mineral. It may add some color to resin but is not intended for creating deep, strong colors and artists use it more for its metallic, iridescent effect.

Some people confuse mica powder with pigment, as the terms have become somewhat interchangeable, but there are distinct differences.

True Metallic Pigment

Metallic pigments are created with real metals, such as copper, zinc, and aluminum. These real metal particles create a shiny, golden or silvery appearance in your resin.

Because MEYSPRING's metallic pigments contain a smaller micron size than micas, most metallic particles blend easily and float within the resin. This creates an enchanting "liquid metal" or floating-gold effect.

You will only need a small amount of metallic pigment to color your resin. When the resin cures, the final result will be an authentic metal appearance which is usually opaque in nature.

Sparkle and Glitter

Glitter is a super fun solid additive for epoxy resin. Glitter also comes in varying sizes and shapes. [Fine, soft glitter](#) will work similarly to color pigment, adding texture and color.

Larger, chunkier glitters will refract lots of light through the epoxy, creating infinite dimension and interest. However, glitter is not best used for coloring resin, as it is very difficult to blend seamlessly and will not dissolve.

Which Resin Pigment Should You Choose?

Now that you know some of the basic differences between resin powder and liquid pigment, the choice is up to you. Consider your intended effect for your product.

Do you want a smooth, matte, even color? Go for liquids. For a more textured and interesting effect, try pigment powders. If your piece is small, adding shine with mica or fine glitter may be more appropriate than large glitter.

You should also consider the shelf life of each material. If you create resin art as an [irregular hobby](#) rather than a business, the liquid pigment may go bad before you can use the whole bottle.

Settling the Debate

In the great debate between resin pigment powder vs. liquid, everybody wins. You can add liquids, powders, mica, glitters, and more to your epoxy resin to create different intended effects.

In the end, the best way to find out what works for you is to try everything! Unleash your creativity and get mixing!

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