

# PRINTING WITH CLASSIC POWDER PACKING LIST

- ✓ One 1-oz. vial black fingerprint powder
- ✓ One 1-oz. vial white fingerprint powder
- ✓ Two fiberglass brushes
- ✓ Two 25-sheet pads of 2x6 flat lifting tape
- ✓ Twenty fingerprint cards, white backing
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- ✓ One dust mask
- ✓ One pair of Nitrile gloves

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# Tips & Safety

- Wear a mask to avoid breathing in the powder, which can irritate the respiratory system.
- Select the color of the powder based on the physical characteristics of the crime scene.
- Black fingerprint powder
  - » is the most common and versatile powder
  - » is easy to remove from nonporous surfaces such as glass and chrome
  - » is very difficult to remove from porous surfaces such as carpeting, wood, fibers, linens, etc.
- White fingerprint powder
  - » is a better choice for dark-colored surfaces
  - » can be used on porous and nonporous surfaces
  - » works well on glass, chromed metals, and plastic bags
- Do your best to avoid getting powder on carpets, clothing and other soft surfaces.

## Cleaning up fingerprint powder

### On hard surfaces

1. Use a dry cloth to wipe away excess powder. DO NOT use water or a damp cloth in this step. It will make a bigger mess.
2. Use a cleaner designed to break down oily residues such as one advertised to remove soap scum. to remove any remaining residue.
  - » A melamine foam sponge, like a Magic Eraser, works well on wood, glass, and painted surfaces. Note: Abrasions from the sponge can damage surfaces like polished metal.

### On soft surfaces

1. Vacuum up as much powder as possible.
2. Spray with a solution of 1/4 tsp dishwashing soap and warm water.
3. Rinse with warm water and rub gently.
4. Blot until dry.

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