

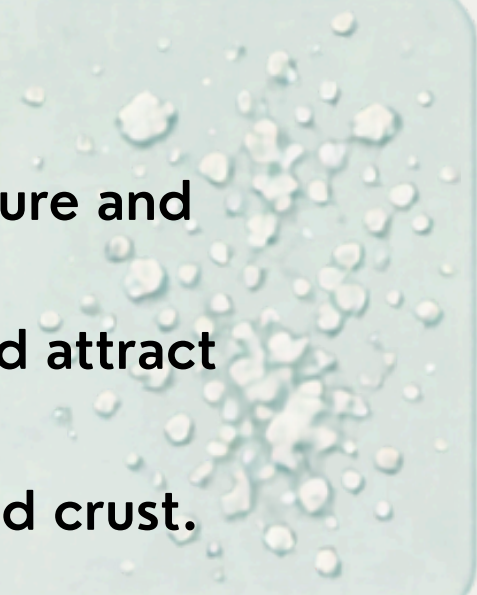
COPPER PATINA CHEAT SHEET

SALT, VINEGAR & AMMONIA



1. SALT

- On its own: mostly adds texture and interesting patterns.
- Crystals sit on the surface and attract moisture.
- More salt = more speckles and crust.



2. VINEGAR + SALT

- Vinegar is a gentle acid that cleans and lightly etches copper.
- Salt pushes the reaction toward green-blue verdigris.
- Good for a classic green patina that's easier to control.



3. AMMONIA + SALT

- Ammonia fumes react strongly with exposed copper.
- Salt creates hotspots where intense colour forms.
- Use for bright, dramatic turquoise blues (with good ventilation!).



4. ALL THREE

VINEGAR + AMMONIA + SALT

- Vinegar cleans and etches.
- Ammonia boosts fast colour.
- Salt adds texture and hotspots.
- Result: bold, layered blue-green patina.

⇒ QUICK RULES OF THUMB ⇐

Use more salt if you love speckles and crust, more vinegar if you want softer green, and more ammonia if you're chasing bright turquoise.