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# All In a Day's Work

A day in the life of Vairon Ocampo, owner of Oli & Peter Professional Epoxy Painting, a company that creates metallic marble-looking floors all over Charleston. People often opt for epoxy flooring in their kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and outdoor living spaces.

## ■ 8:00am

Vairon begins the day by hooking up his trailer and gathering the paint and materials for the two separate jobs he is working on. Different paints and charcoal colors must be created for each unique project, especially his most popular style, a marble metallic.

## ■ 9:00am

To prep the base layer for the first job of the day, he cleans the floor well with alcohol before pouring a layer of glue and resin all over to then smooth out with his tool. He applies another layer of resin and adds a vapor barrier.

## ■ 10:00am

Because it takes 24-38 hours for each layer to dry, Vairon heads on to his next project out in Awendaw. They too have asked for a marble epoxy floor but in different colors. He stops to mix the paint and charcoal color so it is ready for a marbling pour. The base layer has dried at this site for nearly two days and is ready for buffing.

## ■ 11:00am

After the initial base layer of resin hardens, it is buffed and dried clean with alcohol. Now it's time to pour the paint. He starts with one color at a time, layer by layer, carefully pouring in the patterns of his designs before using his spreading roller. The last step for this project today is to add in the metallic veins with paint made with real metal for a genuine look.

## ■ 12:00pm

Now that step three is complete, he will wait two days before completing the final step of clear resin that seals and shines the floor for ten-year durability, guaranteed.

## ■ 1:00pm

After lunch, he takes time to call those who have sent in inquiries to his email and asks about the existing floor conditions to determine a starting point.

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## ■ 2:00pm

A trip to the supply store allows him to stock back up on base, resin, and color pigments that he needs to hand mix the paint for the following day.

## ■ 3:00pm

Once laid, the resin begins to dry or harden almost immediately so he makes sure to take the time daily to clean his tools.

## ■ 4:00pm

He checks on the final third step for a home he did in North Charleston to ensure the top coat dried properly and that his clients are satisfied with their new custom epoxy flooring.

## ■ 5:00pm

He calls his crew to schedule some jobs for the following week and finally heads home to his dogs, Bella and Odie.