

Trainer's Toolbox

Six Painting Tips

Buy a quality brush.

- Match brush to the paint or stain.
- Recommend nylon/poly blend for latex paint.
- Brushes with flagged ends hold more paint.
- The ferrule should be attached with screws or rivets.



Prep all surfaces carefully.

- Fix nail pops, stains, bumps, nicks holes or loose drywall tape.
- Use a bright light to examine the wall.
- Mark areas that need to be fixed.



Tint the primer.

- Primer improves the performance of the topcoat.
- Tinting the primer will improve the hide of the topcoat.



Block the paint.

- Block, or mix, individual gallons together in a 5-gallon bucket.
- Mixing the paint will create a uniform color.



Use a canvas drop cloth.

- Use them many times.
- They are less likely to move on the floor.
- They lay flat to reduce tripping.
- They absorb paint, reducing slipping and tracking paint.



Cut tape free.

- Use a utility knife to help cut tape that sticks as you pull it up.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations.
- Remove tape before paint is completely dry.



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