PAINT How to paint walls and woodwork

PREPARING THE BASE

Paint your ceiling first. A roller on an extension pole covers larger areas quickly. Finish the edges using a medium size paint brush.

If you are intending to paint the walls as well make sure you overlap onto the wall. This again will make it easier later when painting the walls to achieve a straight line.

PAINT YOUR WALLS

Once the ceiling is dry use a roller or paint pad if your prefer, to paint all wall surfaces, as this also covers the area quickly. In the corners finish off the edges with a paint brush.

At the ceiling level create a precise dividing line by using the last bristles on the edge of the brush to bead the paint smoothly into the join.



Paint your wood work and doors last. If you have bare wood use an undercoat followed by the gloss paint. Otherwise ensure your wood has been sanded down and cleaned off.

Use masking tape to ensure you get a straight line. Take a medium paint brush and allow the brush to move lightly and slowly across the wood. Take care not to over brush.

For panelled doors begin by painting the panels first. When door edges are painted do not close until completely dry. Always clean brushes and rollers after use.





NOTE

Most ceilings and walls will need two coats of paint. If you are using undercoat on the woodwork one coat of gloss paint should be fine.

PREPARATION

CLEARANCE

Try to clear your room before you start. Move any furniture to the middle of the room and cover it with dust sheets, also cover up your carpets to protect from paint splashes and to avoid any accidental spillages. Make sure the room is constantly ventilated whilst you are painting.

SURFACE CONDITION

Check the condition of all walls, doors and skirting boards. All surfaces need to be well prepared before painting. Holes should be filled and surfaces sanded and cleaned down. All purpose filler can be used in walls, doors and skirting boards. Any bare wood must be primed before painting.

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The paints are very hard-wearing with a wipeable finish.





WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT PAINT

PAINT TYPES

Emulsion is recommended for walls and ceilings with undercoat and gloss paint for woodwork. Vinyl silk gives you a shiny finish and is very hard wearing. Matt finish doesn't show any of the imperfections on the wall but may not wear as well.

BE AWARE

Most paint changes colour as it dries. Don't be alarmed if the paint looks darker when applied, it will dry to the correct colour. If you are unsure try painting a small test area, all Next paint colours are available as tester pots.

HOW MUCH DO I NEED

Work out how many tins of paint to buy for the walls and woodwork. A standard 2.5 litre tin of paint covers approximately 25-30 square metres.

TIP

Try to paint woodwork first thing in the morning to allow sufficient drying time.

