

# Tips and Tricks for Interior Painting and Staining

## Step by Step

### Pick Colors

- Pick a focal point such as artwork, a rug, etc. to inspire color palette.
- Use the 60-30-10 rule: 60% primary color, 30% secondary, 10% accent.
- Buy a sample to test the color at home with different lighting during the week.
  - > Paint a 1-ft x 1-ft square on your wall or a small drywall patch to test.

### Sheen

- Flat: muted, helps hide imperfections, great for ceilings, harder to clean
- Eggshell: soft with minimal gloss, durable, good for bedrooms and hallways
- Satin: lustrous finish, high stain resistance, ideal for high traffic areas such as living rooms, kitchens, bathrooms, etc.
- Semi-gloss: shiny, good stain resistance, good for doors, trim, kitchen, bathrooms, etc.
- Gloss: shiniest finish, good for doors, cabinets, trim, banisters, casings, etc.



### Prep

- Clean walls and ceiling.
- Tape off door handles or obstacles with painter's tape and plastic bags.
  - > Painter's tape gives clean lines. Use the right tape for your surfaces and smooth any bubbles with a putty knife or 5-in-1 tool.
- Remove light switch and outlet covers - use painter's tape to tape screws to each one.
- Move furniture to center of room and cover with plastic. Cover floors with canvas drop cloths or rosin paper.
- Repair dents with wood filler, spackling, stucco patch or the proper repair compound. Mark each repair with a piece of painter's tape so you don't miss any spots to prime.

### Rollers and Rolling Walls

- Using quality tools and paint results in a better finish.
- Use rollers after cutting in, working on one wall at a time.
- Prep a new roller using painter's tape to remove lint.
- Dampen roller before using it with latex paint for better loading.
- On first pass, roll slowly toward the ceiling, as most splatter will land on the wall.
- Follow dry time instructions before adding coats.



### Baseboards

- Tape off wall. Cover floor near baseboards with masking or rosin paper.
- Use 1.5-in to 2-in angle trim brush or a small craft brush for tight spots.
- Fill a cut bucket with only 1-in of paint. Dip about 1/3 of bristles into paint. Tap, don't scrape, paint on side of pail.

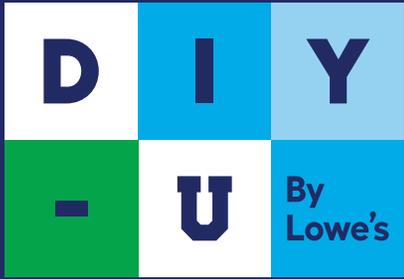
### Paint Drips

- Keep a wet cloth and small bucket of water handy to wipe up.
- Use a 5-in-1 tool wrapped in a rag for tight corners.

### Clean Up

- For latex paints, wrap the brush or roller with a damp towel or place in a storage case.
- If paint gets dried on brushes, use hot vinegar.
- When cleaning brushes, use a paint comb.





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### Tools & Materials List

- \_\_\_\_\_ Painter's Tape
- \_\_\_\_\_ Repair Compound
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cut Bucket
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roller Grid
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drop Cloths
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brush/Roller Spinner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paint
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic Sheeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Protection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rollers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brushes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5-in-1 Tool
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ladder
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosin Paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paint Comb
- \_\_\_\_\_ Primer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Utility Knife
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gloves
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roller Pans with Liners
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roller Extension Pole
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buckets (Large and Small)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rags
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paint Stir Stick
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sandpaper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Caulk and Caulk Gun

### Notes

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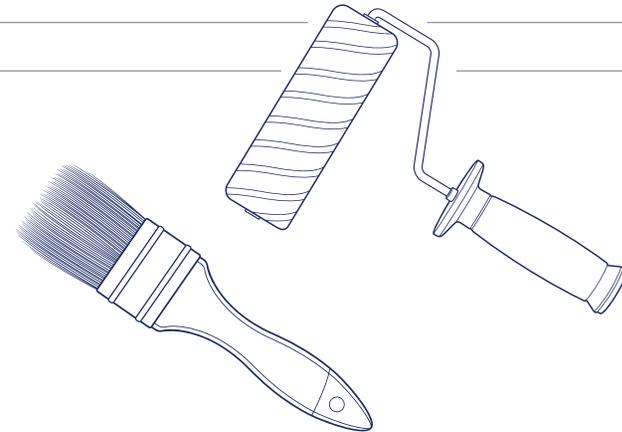
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