

Painter Safety Infographic



10 INTERIOR HOUSE PAINTING TIPS & PAINTING TECHNIQUES FOR THE PERFECT PAINT JOB

TIP 1  **TO AVOID LAP MARKS, ROLL THE FULL HEIGHT OF THE WALL AND KEEP A WET EDGE**
Lap marks are those ugly stripes caused by uneven layers of paint buildup. They occur when you roll over paint that's already partly dry. (In warm, dry conditions, latex paint can begin to stiffen in less than a minute!) The key to avoiding lap marks is to maintain a "wet edge," so each stroke of your roller overlaps the previous stroke before the paint can begin to dry.

TIP 2  **MIX SEVERAL CANS OF PAINT IN A LARGE BUCKET FOR A CONSISTENT COLOR THROUGHOUT THE ROOM**
Paint color may vary slightly from one can to the next. If you have to open a new can in the middle of a wall, the difference may be noticeable. Mixing the paints together eliminates the problem. It's best to estimate the amount of paint you'll need and mix it in a 5-gallon bucket (a process called "boxing").

TIP 3  **LET THE PAINT DRY, THEN CUT THE TAPE LOOSE FOR A PERFECT EDGE**
Once paint is dry, you can't just pull the tape off the trim. Paint forms a film between the wall and the tape, and removing the tape tears pieces of dried paint off the wall. So before pulling off the tape, cut it loose.

PAINT THE TRIM FIRST, THEN THE CEILING AND WALLS

Pros usually follow a certain order when painting a room. They paint the trim first, then the ceiling, then the walls. That's because it's easier (and faster) to tape off the trim than to tape off the walls. And you certainly don't want to tape them both off!

TIP 4  **CLEAN DIRTY SURFACES SO THE PAINT CAN FORM A STRONG BOND**
If you paint over dirty, oily surfaces, the paint will easily chip or peel off. So before painting, clean grimy areas with a deglosser or heavy-duty cleaner intended for prepaint cleaning. They work well to clean painted, varnished or enameled surfaces to improve the adhesion of the new paint.

TIP 5 

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