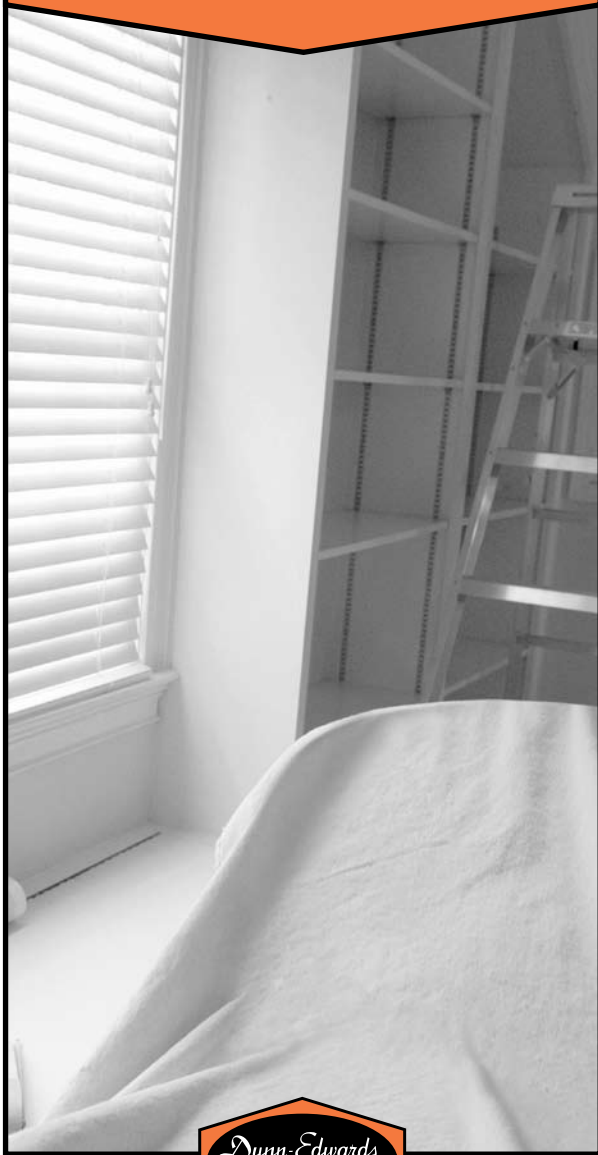


HOW TO GET A ROOM READY FOR PAINTING



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When it comes to painting, proper preparation is important to simplify the project and achieve better results. When getting a room ready for painting, remember that simply painting over a problem doesn't fix it. If you don't address the underlying problem, it can mean more trouble later.

CHECK FOR PROBLEM AREAS

Before painting, check for the following problems:

- Roof leaks
- Chips or dings in the interior drywall or masonry
- Peeling paint
- Surfaces that may be in poor shape
- Windows and doors in need of repair or better sealing to prevent leaks
- Insect problems
- Broken hardware or electrical fixtures
- Signs of mildew

PROJECT CHECKLIST

Your Dunn-Edwards store has the following supplies you need to do the job right:

- Dust mask** to protect your lungs from fine particles.
- Goggles** to protect your eyes.
- Screwdriver** to remove or loosen hinges or hardware.
- Masking tape** for protecting hardware and other non-painted areas.
- Ladder** to reach high areas comfortably and safely.
- Extension pole** to easily access out-of-reach areas without the use of a ladder.
- Spackling or joint compound** to repair any holes or dings.
- Putty knife** to apply patching material and scrape away surplus material.
- Caulk and caulking gun** for filling in joints, cracks and other surface imperfections.
- Sandpaper** to smooth out the surface or remove any chipped paint.
- Dropcloth and plastic sheeting** for protection and easier clean-up.
- Wall cleaner, sponge and rags.**
- Wall brush** for painting around corners, windows and doors.
- Roller frame and cover** to paint larger areas.
- Paint tray and liner** for use with your roller and for easier clean-up.
- Stir sticks** for mixing paint.
- Gloves** to protect your hands.
- Dunn-Edwards premium primers and paint.**

ROOM PREPARATION

STEP #1

Clear the area before you begin. To prevent damage to furnishings, move them to an empty room or hallway. If that's not possible, cover large furniture with dropcloths and move it to the center of the room.

Cover the floor with plastic sheeting and, using safe-release painter's masking tape (usually blue in color), adhere the sheeting to the baseboards around the room's perimeter. For the best tape adhesion, make sure hard floors are clean and carpet is vacuumed. Place a heavier cotton or canvas dropcloth atop the plastic to avoid an overly slick surface.

STEP #2

Remove all hardware and anything hanging on the walls. The following are items you may have to remove:

- Electrical plates
- Cable TV outlets
- Phone jack covers
- Curtains
- Art/pictures
- Nails/screws

To cover chandeliers or other fixtures you cannot or do not want to remove, cut plastic sheeting to the appropriate size, wrap the fixture and tape it securely.

CAUTION: When working with electrical outlets, switches and lights, make sure to turn off the breaker or fuse for that circuit.

STEP #3

Clean the surfaces to be painted. Wash walls and ceilings to prevent stains from bleeding through and paint from peeling.

After cleaning any cobwebs and dust from the walls and ceiling, use a mild detergent and water or a commercial wall-cleaning product. Spray one wall at a time with a fine mist. Let it stand five minutes and then scrub with a clean sponge mop, from the bottom up to prevent streaking. Rinse the surface with clean water and allow it to dry.

STEP #4

Fix any problem areas:

Caulk all joints, cracks and seams in the surface before painting. Make sure the caulk is smooth and flush against the surface and allow it to dry thoroughly before painting. For tips in applying caulk properly, consult our brochure *"A Guide to Caulks and Sealants."*

Fill any cracks or holes with spackle or an appropriate patching compound. Spread the patching compound with a putty knife over the hole several times using an X motion and scrape off excess material. When the patching compound is dry, lightly sand to a smooth finish. Remove dust thoroughly before painting.

For mildew spots, apply a solution of 3 parts water to 1 part chlorine bleach or a mildew-removing product to the problem area, while wearing rubber gloves and goggles for your protection. Be sure to rinse the area thoroughly with clean water after mildew is removed.

Sand glossy surfaces to provide a roughened surface for good adhesion. Remove dust thoroughly. Close all doors and vents to prevent sanding dust from spreading to other areas of the house.

CAUTION: Scraping or sanding anything that may contain lead or asbestos is hazardous and should only be done using the proper safety equipment or by a certified professional.

STEP #5

You are now ready to prime and paint! After all the preparation, remember to choose a high-quality paint that will give you professional-looking results. The best way to paint a room is top to bottom, in the following order:

- Ceiling
- Walls
- Windows and doors
- Trim

RECOMMENDED PRIMERS AND FINISHES

PRIMERS

Vynylastic® (W 101V) – Designed for priming new drywall.

Unikote® (W 707V) – Designed for priming new hardboard and wood

Ultra-Grip® (W 715) – Designed for priming a wide range of new and previously painted surfaces.

FINISHES

Decovel® (W 401) – Flat finish ideal for living rooms, dining rooms, ceilings and adult bedrooms.

Suprema® (W 411) – Low sheen finish ideal for children's rooms, hallways and family rooms.

Permashell® (W 940V or W 940) – Eggshell finish ideal for kitchens and bathrooms, doors, windows, trim and cabinets.

Permasheen® (W 901V or W 901) – A semi-gloss finish ideal for kitchens and bathrooms, doors, windows, trim and cabinets.

Permagloss® (W 960V or W 960) – A gloss finish ideal for kitchens and bathrooms, doors, windows, trim and cabinets.

NOTE: Glossier paints are more reflective and may make surface imperfections more noticeable.

For additional project tips, consult some of our other brochures, such as *"Surface Preparation Safety"* and *"A Guide to Premium Interior Paint."*

IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, ASK ANY OF OUR EXPERT SALES ASSOCIATES.

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