




PAINT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

	Valspar® Aspire™ Long-lasting color	Clark+Kensington® Amazing performance	Royal® Trusted Classic
FEATURES			
Protects Against Mold & Mildew	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★
Prevents Cracking, Peeling and Flaking	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★
Coverage & Hide	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★
Chalk, Blistering and Dirt Pickup Resistance	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★
Fade Resistant	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★
Precise Color Matching	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
100% Acrylic Latex Paint + Primer	✓	✓	✓
Lifetime Warranty	✓	✓	✓
Low Temperature Application		✓	

Applicator Guide

ROLLER NAP	RECOMMENDED FOR
¼" to ⅜"	untextured plaster, smooth wood, wallboard, drywall, metal
⅜" or ½"	most walls and ceilings, lightly textured drywall or wood, acoustical tile
¾" or 1"	textured plaster or stucco, paneling, decks, concrete block
1¼" or 1½"	heavily textured plaster or stucco, rough wood, brick



Helpful Hint

Use a 5-bar or cageless roller frame which allows the roller cover to maintain a circular shape for smooth application.

BRUSH	RECOMMENDED FOR
1" to 1½" angle or flat	hobbies and crafts
2" to 2½" angle sash	window frames, cutting-in edges of walls, ceilings, molding
2" to 2½" angle or flat	baseboards, cabinets, furniture, railings
3" to 4" flat	exterior siding, decks, fences, masonry, broad walls, doors
nylon-polyester blend	water-based latex paints
bristle	solvent-based paints



Helpful Hint

For latex paint, use a top quality Ace synthetic or nylon brush. Do not use a natural bristle brush – the water will cause it to swell and flare out resulting in poor application.

PROJECT CHECKLIST

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Everything you need to get painting!

CLEAN

Cleaners

- Bleach/ Mildew Remover
- Mild Detergent
- Wall Cleaner/TSP

Additional Items

- Bucket
- Sponges
- Scrub Brush
- Wire Brush

WALL PREP

Patch & Repair

- Caulk/Caulk Gun
- Paint Scraper
- Spackle
- Sandpaper/ Sanding Sponge
- Putty Knife
- Wood Filler

Additional Items

- Ladder/Step Stool
- Painter's Tape*
- Screwdriver

PAINT

Applicators

- Brush (Angled)*
- Brush (Flat)
- Extension Pole
- Paint Pad
- Paint Tray/Liners*
- Roller Covers/ Frames*

Additional Items

- Drop Cloth*
- Ladder/Step Stool
- Paint Pouring Spout
- Primer
- Rags

CLEAN-UP

Cleaning Tools

- Bucket
- Mild Detergent
- Paint Thinner

Additional Items

- Rags/Shop Towels
- Sponges
- Trash Bags

SAFETY

- Dust Mask
- Protective Gloves
- Safety Goggles



*Paint Project Essential



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PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS

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EXTERIOR

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Easy Techniques and Recommendations for Best Results!



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GET READY

How Much Paint Will You Need?

Below is a general guideline. For more accurate calculations for your specific house size, use the paint calculator at thepaintstudio.com.

SMALL HOUSE 1,250 square feet	MEDIUM HOUSE 2,500 square feet	LARGE HOUSE 4,000 square feet
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SMALL HOUSE	MEDIUM HOUSE	LARGE HOUSE
Body 7 Gal. Trim 1 Gal. Fascia/Eaves 4 Gal. Front Door 1 Qt.	Body 13 Gal. Trim 2 Gal. Fascia/Eaves 7 Gal. Front Door 1 Qt.	Body 20 Gal. Trim 3 Gal. Fascia/Eaves 11 Gal. Front Door 1 Qt.

Estimates are based on one-coat application. Additional coats may be required.

When to Hire a Pro

- Painting asbestos shingles
- Removal of lead-based paint

Helpful Hint
Latex paints hold their color and sheen longer than oil paints

Determine if You Need a Primer

Primer Needed If Painting Over	Primer Recommendation
Stains (water, tannin, wax bleed)	Exterior Latex Stain Blocking Primer or Oil-Based House Primer
New Cedar or Redwood	Exterior Stain Blocking Primer
New Wood (other than Cedar or Redwood)	Exterior Primer/Sealer
Unpainted Vinyl Siding	Exterior 100% Acrylic Latex Primer
Bare Concrete (at least 30 days old)	Exterior 100% Acrylic Latex Primer or Block Filler for Concrete Block
Cleaned Rust Spots	Rust Stop Primer Use a Rust Reformer for severely rusted surfaces

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SELECT YOUR SHEEN

Sheen	House and Siding
FLAT Non-reflective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum or Vinyl Siding • Brick
SATIN Low-Lustre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete Block • Masonry • Primed Metal
SEMI-GLOSS Luminous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stucco • Wood

Sheen	Trim, Doors, Garage Door, Furniture
SEMI-GLOSS Luminous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood • Masonry
HI-GLOSS Glass-like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primed Metal

Helpful Hint
Vinyl siding can be painted but the color cannot be darker than the original color to avoid warping of the surface.

Still deciding on color? Check out this video.

Exterior Paint Color Tips

Need a bit more detail? Simply look for this icon, which indicates that a DIY-friendly, how-to video with detailed instructions is available at thepaintstudio.com

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PREPARE YOUR SURFACE

Protect Plant Life

Cover shrubs and other plants with a non-plastic drop cloth. Plastic can heat up and damage plants.



Remove Obstructions

Remove or cover outdoor lighting fixtures, house numbers or other items attached to surfaces being painted.



Painting New Surfaces

Before painting, surfaces should be:

CLEAN SOUND SMOOTH DULL DRY

NEW WOOD

- **Sand** to remove loose fibers or mill glaze.
- **Check for porosity:** if water penetrates when sprinkled on surface the wood can be painted.
- **Primer** as directed in step 1.



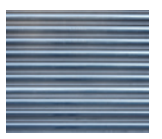
NEW CONCRETE

- **Smooth concrete:** allow to weather 30–90 days. Prime with Exterior 100% Acrylic Latex Primer.
- **Concrete Block:** allow to weather 30–90 days. Prime with Concrete Block Filler and Sealer to smooth the surface before topcoating.



NEW METAL

- **Ferrous** (contains iron) metal, prime with Ace Rust Stop Primer after cleaning to remove any oil or grime.
- **Non-Ferrous** (aluminum, zinc, copper, brass, galvanized) metal, prime with Ace Galvanized and Aluminum Primer after cleaning.



Previously Painted Surfaces

Before painting, surfaces should be: clean, sound, smooth, dull, dry

CLEAN



Free of visible dirt and debris



Dirt & Grime

Use siding cleaner or TSP and a brush and rinse thoroughly. Allow to dry 24 hours before priming or painting.



Mildew

To remove, mix one part bleach to three parts water. Let stand 30 minutes, scrub area and rinse well. As a non-bleach alternative, use a packaged mildew remover. Wear goggles and protective gloves.



Chalking

Remove with soap and water or siding cleaner and rinse. Prime with Latex Bonding Primer or Oil-Based House Primer.

SOUND



Stable surface with no peeling or cracking



Replace damaged siding. Repair cracks & small holes. Sand areas smooth.*



Caulk gaps & cracks. If caulk around windows is cracking or pulling away, remove and recaulk.

Helpful Hint

Sealing horizontal lap siding with caulk or paint is not recommended. It may cause blistering or peeling of the paint.

SMOOTH



No visible sign of surface roughness



Remove loose paint by power washing, sanding or scraping.* Loose paint will affect adhesion of the topcoat. Sand areas to smooth* Prime with Latex Bonding Primer or Oil-Based Primer.

DULL



No gloss or shininess



Sand shiny paint* Satin, Semi-Gloss and High Gloss finishes should be dulled for best adhesion of the new topcoat.

DRY



Free of moisture

Surfaces should be dry for 24 hours before priming/painting and no rain expected for 24 hours after painting.

***For homes built prior to 1980, test for lead-based paint before scraping or sanding. If lead is present, follow paint label directions.**

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PAINT!

Follow label directions regarding painting temperature. Avoid painting when the temperatures will exceed either range before the paint has a chance to dry. Do not paint if rain is expected within 24 hours.

Helpful Hint
Always paint following the shade around the house. Painting hot surfaces can cause blistering, lap marks and poor coverage.

Paint in this order: Eaves & Fascia, Siding (Body), Trim, Doors

Fascia



Mask areas you want to protect from paint.



Paint fascia and elevated areas first. Use a premium roller, brush or paint pad.

Helpful Hint

Use painter's Tape for masking. Do not use masking tape as that will tear the paint film.

Siding/Walls



Hold the handle of the brush near its base and slightly flex bristles while applying. Repeat every 4-6 inches.



Use a high quality roller or painting pad to paint lap siding. Paint one lap at a time, maintain a wet edge and work with the grain.

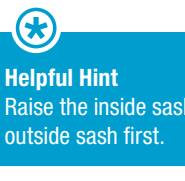


Paint in a "V" or "W" pattern on solid surfaces. Fill in horizontally.

Helpful Hint

Lightly moisten the roller cover, brushes or painting pad with water before loading paint.

Windows



Paint inside sash and lower the outside sash first.



Paint outside sash, crossbars and frame (except bottom)

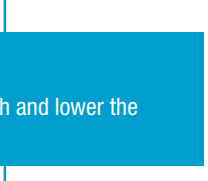


Repeat for inside sash (except top)

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Doors



Paint inside panel molding first. Fill inside the panels, then finish the remainder of the door.



Open the window. Paint top, side, and bottom.



Finish by painting crossbars, frames, casings and sills.

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How to Paint a Door

CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL

Finishing Steps

- Carefully remove Painter's Tape before the paint dries to avoid potentially removing the paint with the tape.
- Re-attach removable outdoor fixtures once paint is dry.

Keeping Tools in Good Condition

- Wipe excess paint from brushes and rollers.
- Clean brushes, rollers, tools and hands with soap and water. If using oil-based paints, follow label directions.
- Refer to labels for specific product instructions.

Leftover Paint

- Give leftover paint to a neighbor or a charitable organization.
- Visit www.earth911.com for recycling options in your area.
- Where there are no restrictions, a non-toxic disposal option is to add paint hardener to latex paint. When the paint has hardened, it can be disposed of through curbside pickup.

Helpful Hint
If you re-use stored paint, pour paint through cheese-cloth or a fine mesh screen to strain out any dried bits or dirt before painting.