

## Interior Work: What you should expect

Investing in a quality paint job can mean the difference between painting every few years or a paint job that will far out last an inferior one.

1. Your furniture, floors and carpets should be protected from start to finish by drop cloths or poly plastic.
2. All wood surfaces to be painted should be thoroughly washed with mild detergent or solvent to remove all dirt, grease, mildew, soap, or oil film that may have accumulated over the years. This step will help to ensure proper adhesion of the fresh paint.
3. Watermarks, smoke stains, pen marks, and other unsightly blemishes that could "bleed through" the new paint should be primed and sealed.
4. Any loose paint or other imperfections on walls or ceiling should be removed by scraping and sanding.
5. Cracks and holes in walls and ceiling should be repaired with spackle or drywall compound, sanded smooth, and primed. Drywall mesh tape can be applied over cracks where necessary for a more permanent repair.
6. Holes in the woodwork should be filled, sanded smooth and primed. Sanding should smooth imperfections and damaged areas.
7. Open joints and gaps between surfaces should be caulked and filled for a cleaner and more finished appearance.
8. Glossy surfaces should be dulled by sanding or undercoating to ensure proper paint adhesion.
9. Only quality materials should be used . Quality materials give the best result and last longer.
10. The work should be done in a neat and professional manner by skilled crafts people who are polite, friendly, and work efficiently.
11. Of course, there should be no paint on window panes, carpet, floors or anything else not being painted.
12. Touch-up paint should be labeled and left for your future convenience.



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