

TOOLS: THE RIGHT ONES TO COMPLETE YOUR NEXT PAINTING JOB

You've picked the color and the type of paint to use, but do you have the appropriate painting tools to complete the job? Having the necessary tools before you start will assure you not only of a good paint job, but a faster paint job.

Tools are need not only for applying paint, but for protecting other surfaces, as well, as furniture and appliances. You will also need tools to prepare the surface before you begin to paint.

project and/or paint. What condition are they in? There's no sense in buying premium paint and applying it with a cheap brush or roller.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR Preparation Tools:

Scraper– Sandpaper – Sanding Block – Pole Sander – Tack Cloth – Masking Tape - Bucket – Spackling – Putty Knife – Patching Compound - Caulking – Caulk Guns – Sponges Pressure Washer – Ladder – Drop Cloths

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR Painting Tools:

Roller Covers – Roller Frames – Extension Poles – Trim Brush – Sash Brush - Paint Tray – Paint Pail – Ladder – Drop Cloths –Clean-Up Rags - Solvents

FAUX FINISHING requires special tools and techniques. Depending on the type of finish you want, here are a few tools you might need:

Stencils – Stenciling Brush – Rags – Paint Comb – Sea Sponges – Newspaper – Plastic Wrap – Feathers – Cheese Cloth

Proper surface preparation will always lead you to a successful and longer-lasting paint job. Before you start the project, carefully inspect the surface to be painted and prepare as needed. A clean smooth, sound surface is the goal.

When using latex paint, it's best to use synthetic brushes such as nylon/polyester blends. Use natural bristle brushes with alkyd paints. Blend brushes are also available that can be used in both latex and alkyd paints.

Rollers are good to use on large surfaces. Use lambskin or synthetic nap rollers with latex paints. The length of the nap is also important, a high quality, low nap roller will create a smooth finish on smooth surfaces such as planed wood and drywall; and a thick nap roller will give full coverage on a surface such as heavy textured stucco, concrete block, or brick.