



50 HANDY TIPS

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"Put some colour in your life"

Star Paints Handy Tips and Tricks:

1. Buy the best tools and equipment you can afford, especially paint brushes.
2. Buy good quality paint and materials.
3. Follow Star Paint's instructions on tins and other materials. Don't always interpret too literally as there is usually a degree of flexibility, especially in diluting paints.
4. Complete **ALL** your preparation before you start to decorate.
5. Try to ensure that you have bought enough materials to complete the job.
6. Don't rush the job. **Give paints time to dry between coats.**
7. Keep the area where you are painting as dust free as possible.
8. Don't wear woollen garments, if possible wear cotton overalls or jeans and cotton shirt.
9. Save any left-over paint for touch-ups later. You can also mix up left over paint from different rooms to make new colours.

10. Buy masking tape to put around windows and carpet edges.

If any paint gets spilt you can then just pull the masking tape up

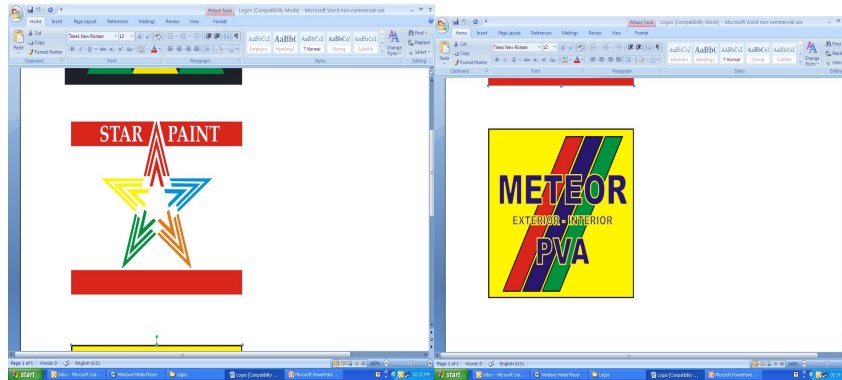


11. Ensure you stir and mix the paint extremely well whilst in the tin for best results

12. If you find something you like the colour of – perhaps a piece of fabric or paper. Bring it along to Star Paint as we also offer an excellent colour-matching service and will prepare the paint mixture to suit you.

13. For a dramatic look, try painting the ceiling three shades lighter than your wall colour.

14. Wrap paintbrushes in cling film at the end of the day. This way they won't dry out over night and it also saves you the time of washing them.



15. If you are using a roller to apply the paint to your walls or ceiling you may find that you get some spattering (small droplets of paint thrown off the roller during application). To avoid this you should work in sections, applying the paint in a zigzag "M" or "W" pattern and then filling in the pattern at the end



16. Star Paint is very durable, fade resistant and resistant to yellowing and staining
17. To avoid painter's remorse, pick up some sample-sized (1 Litres) paints to try before investing in large amounts.
18. To avoid scuffs in a narrow hallways and for painting in high-hard to reach areas, try using an extension pole.

19. To update a look, try a new coat of paint or varnish
20. Pour no more than ½ inch of paint into your paint tray
21. The enemy of paint is air. Reduce paint exposure to air by immediately replacing the lid on the can
22. To get the most from top quality interior paint, it should be applied with high quality brushes and rollers
23. Looking for a "Green" solution for prepping walls? Stir 1 cup of vinegar into 4 Litres of water to clean walls
24. Always buy more paint than you need to allow for spills, waste, and spots that soak up more paint than expected
25. To keep paint off doorknobs, cover them with plastic wrap
26. Custom-mixed colours vary slightly from batch to batch, so it's best to buy enough paint at one time
27. Sanding is the key to flawless finishes
28. Painting is the easiest and fastest way to change your space
29. Red paint requires a gray primer to achieve the truest hue
30. Dark paint colours on a chip will look darker on a wall
31. Properly preparing your walls is the most important step
32. Use a putty knife or multi tool to fill cracks, holes or surface imperfections before painting

- 33.** Prepare your surfaces properly. Before picking up a brush or roller, make sure your walls are clean
- 34.** Gloss paint is excellent for kitchens, bathrooms and all woodwork, including banisters, railings, and cabinets
- 35.** Oil-based paint dries to a water tight, impervious film
- 36.** Always use a primer, Primer serves three main functions: First, it blocks stains and resinous knots from bleeding through; second, it provides one-coat coverage for the paint topcoat; most importantly, it improves adhesion, which greatly reduces blisters and extends the life of the topcoat.
- 37.** Record the colour. After painting a room, it's important to keep track of the brand name and colour of the paint used, so you can buy more when it comes time to touch-up or repaint the room



- 38.** If you want an open, airy look, always paint the lower portion of the wall a darker colour , as this will help with hiding dirt and allows the lighter colour to dominate
- 39.** It's a good idea to choose colours a shade or two darker than what you want. Clean, bright colours can appear either lighter or darker depending on the surrounding colours and lighting in the room.



40. If the room you are painting turned out darker than you expected, try applying a lighter or more muted colour over the original colour using a design technique such as rag rolling, sponging, or colour washing
41. Generally, strong, warm colours like reds, oranges and yellows tend to close a space
42. These colours are known as advancing colours because they jump out and meet the eye
43. Receding colours like blue, green and violet tend to make a room look larger because they “stand back” visually
44. Small rooms are best made to appear larger by painting them white or a light neutral colour
45. White or off-white ceilings create the illusion of higher ceilings and a more open space. Medium to dark colours will create the illusion of lowering the ceiling
46. Eggshell finishes work in just about any room. They are easier to clean than flat finishes and offer a soft glow that warms up any room
47. Gloss finishes are shiny and scrub-able, so they are perfect for doors, trim and specialty uses

48. To avoid getting paint high up in the bristles of your brush (very hard to clean out and can ruin a good brush), wrap a strip of painting tape about an inch down from where the bristles meet the handle. This will keep paint from creeping up there.
49. Painting your house is the fastest and least expensive way to update your home and make it a more enjoyable space for living
50. Star Paint emphasises on **preparation**, using the **best quality applicators** you can afford, using the **correct application technique**, using a **primer, cleaning** as you go, **storing and cleaning brushes correctly** and **saving your leftover paint**. This will ensure a happy long-lasting outcome!



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