

13 Painting Hacks Checklist

Print it, save it, and keep it with your painting supplies.

1 Protect the paint-can rim ☐
Place blue painter's tape over the grooved rim before you begin. Remove it when you are done so the lid closes cleanly.

2 Use a rubber band for drips ☐
Stretch a large rubber band around the can and wipe excess paint on it instead of the rim.

3 Defuzz a new roller ☐
Lightly press painter's tape or packing tape against a new roller to remove loose fibers before painting.

4 Line the tray with foil ☐
Cover the paint tray with aluminum foil for faster cleanup and fewer disposable liners.

5 Cushion brush handles ☐
Wrap self-adhesive bandage wrap around brush or roller handles for a softer, easier grip.

6 Seal painter's-tape edges ☐
Paint over the tape edge with the existing wall or ceiling color first. Let it dry, then apply the new color.

7 Pull tape while paint is wet ☐
Remove painter's tape after the final coat while the paint is still wet to reduce peeling.

8 Protect hardware with petroleum jelly ☐
Apply a thin layer to hinges or hardware that cannot be removed, then wipe it clean after painting.

9 Keep a damp cloth nearby ☐
Wipe accidental drips immediately before the paint has time to dry.

10 Wrap brushes between coats ☐
Seal brushes and rollers in plastic wrap or a plastic bag to keep them moist during breaks.

11 Use a brush-cleaning comb ☐
Comb paint from the bristles and use the curved edge to scrape excess paint from rollers.

12 Label leftover paint ☐
Write the room or project on the lid and save a clear photo of the color name, code, finish, and store label.

13 Let spray-paint drips dry ☐
Do not touch wet drips. Once dry, lightly sand with 220-grit sandpaper and apply a thin touch-up coat.



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PROJECT DETAILS

ROOM / PROJECT

DATE

BRAND / STORE

COLOR NAME

COLOR CODE

FINISH / SHEEN

QUANTITY

PREP CHECKLIST

- ☐ Move or cover furniture
- ☐ Clean the surface
- ☐ Fill holes and repair damage
- ☐ Sand rough or glossy areas
- ☐ Remove outlet and switch covers
- ☐ Tape edges and protect floors
- ☐ Prime where needed
- ☐ Stir paint thoroughly

TOOLS & SUPPLIES

- ☐ Paint and primer
- ☐ Brushes
- ☐ Rollers and covers
- ☐ Paint tray
- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Drop cloths
- ☐ Sandpaper
- ☐ Spackle / filler
- ☐ Damp cloths
- ☐ Plastic bags / wrap
- ☐ Cleaning comb
- ☐ Stir sticks / opener

PROJECT NOTES

CUT OUT AND TAPE TO YOUR LEFTOVER PAINT CAN

OH LALA PAINT CAN LABEL

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