

## Interior Painting Tips:

**Make your room ready to paint.** Take down pictures, shelving and other wall hangings. Remove window treatments, furnishings, electric switch and outlet plates, and wall vents. Finally, tape around windows, tiles and outlets.

**Proper surface repairs are essential.** Fix cracks and other flaws by working spackling compound into the damaged area with a flexible-bladed putty knife. Let dry, and sand smooth. After sanding, clean up any loose dirt with a vacuum or wet cloth. Spot prime larger holes and cracks.

**Put the cleaning supplies to work!** Paint doesn't adhere to dirty surfaces. So once you've made surface repairs, make sure you thoroughly clean the area. Everyday household cleaner will work just fine. Rinse well, and allow areas to dry.

**Start with a Glidden primer.** Always prime new or bare surfaces, such as wood, drywall or plaster, or surfaces exposed by scraping, sanding or spackling. If you are planning a dramatic color change, use a primer to help conceal the existing color.

## Interior Painting Tools:

Broad & putty knives  
Hand or mechanical sanding tools  
Dusting cloth, tack cloth or vacuum  
Stirring sticks  
Stepladder  
Masking tape  
Paint tray(s) and liners

Drop cloths  
Edging tool (if needed)  
Brushes and rollers  
Bucket, water and sponges  
Detergent and cleaning solvent  
Drying cloths  
Paint can opener