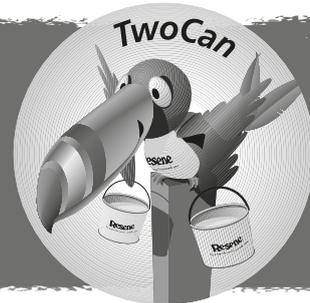


“ For every task, there are a myriad of ways you can tackle it. Some will save time, some will save effort, some will save money and some will leave you completely frustrated. It’s time to start sharing your favourite handy decorating tips and your hilarious decorating stories (that might be a lot funnier now than they were at the time) to earn yourself a prize and the chance to win the major cash prize. See details in this TradeLines for how to enter. ”



Speeding up wallpaper prep

With winter around the corner, prepping walls ready for wallpaper and wallpapering is an excellent way to keep busy over the winter months. Mark shares his tip for removing stubborn wallpaper...

“Old wallpaper is often easily removed, even dry-strippable, but when it’s stuck fast it can be tedious, tiring and very labour intensive to strip.

If the wallpaper is non-porous, you must roughen or perforate the surface so that the remover solution (or steam) can penetrate and dissolve the adhesive. To roughen the surface, try using a drywall sander with a 40 grit {very abrasive} sanding disc. This usually sands enough of the surface off to expose the porous paper backing underneath. It is much quicker and far less tiring than doing it by hand. Drywall sanders can be hired fairly inexpensively for a day or half day if needed.”

How to touch-up paint (and some other useful paint stuff)

Repairing paint on a wall by touching-up sounds simple but it is easy to make mistakes that can highlight your invisible mend.

Do’s

- Always use the same original container of paint to touch-up if possible. It is the ONLY WAY to a perfect repair.
- If you use all of the original paint, keep a piece of card or paper with the details and a dab of the colour for matching in case it is needed in future.
- Thin the touch-up paint with 20% water and apply with a nook and cranny roller or similar. Feather the edges of the damaged area or use filler if deeper than two coats of paint.

- Always check an inconspicuous area first to see if there are any colour/gloss differences.
- Always mix and box different batches of paint together before use.

Don’ts

- Do not change the batch of paint or container of paint in the middle of a wall or cut in with paint from a different batch.
- Do not touch-up with a different batch of paint.
- Do not touch-up paint without thinning or in large blobs. You are trying to merge in an invisible mend.
- Sheen paints tend not to be suitable for touch-up. They usually show a sheen difference in which case the full wall should be painted.

Concentration ...

Painting seems like such a nice easy occupation. Take a can of paint, add a brush and spread it all over the wall. How hard could it be? Of course those of us who have been around for a while, know there’s a lot more to it than that. Paint type, colour, application tool and method to think about, not to mention the weather, plus health and safety requirements... are just a few variables, let alone the painter themselves as this story sent to us serves as a warning...

“I work for a firm and one day I got put on another job. It was a big old barn that had been converted into a ‘convention centre’. The size of a small aircraft hanger, it needed fireproof painting. I turned up and found



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the foremen smoking weed. They continued to smoke up throughout the day. I helped out with prep, then the next day I was on another job.

A few days later I was sent back to this job to help with emergency repairs. There were big patches where the paint had ‘dropped off’.

Turns out the instructions advised to apply the paint at above 7 degrees...

Clearly the instructions hadn’t been followed, and there was a wedding booked for that weekend! I guess it pays to be able to concentrate properly!”

Chill out

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sizes of 200 litres or more, ideal for those larger projects that just can't wait until summer.

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Remember when you're using standard paint over the winter, keep an eye on the temperature, both on the surface and in the air. Remember a surface, particularly concrete and metal, can be a lot colder than the air that surrounds it so you may find it's best to change your order of work and work on surfaces like plasterboard in the early morning and move to areas like concrete, which tend to be cooler in cold weather until they have had a chance to warm up a little.

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TwoCan, Editor.

