

HOW TO PAINT YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR

Techniques for professional-looking results and products to make it last



EXTERIOR PAINTING STEPS

For a professional-quality repaint

STEP 1: Choose the right primer, paint and gloss level

PRIMERS

Priming ensures adhesion of the paint to the surface, helps cover darker-colored paints and stains, and promotes a smooth, even finish. Choose the right type of primers for your surfaces:



EZ-PRIME® Premium
Wood Primer



BLOCK-IT®
Stain-Blocking Primer



ULTRA-GRIP® Premium
Multi-Surface Primer



EFF-STOP® Premium
Masonry Primer/Sealer



SUPER-LOC®
Masonry/Bonding Primer



BLOC-RUST® Premium
Rust-Preventative Metal Primer



ULTRASHIELD®
Galvanized Metal Primer

Visit your local
Dunn-Edwards® store
for quality paints,
primers, supplies and
expert advice.

PAINT

Protect your home with 100% acrylic **EVERSHIELD®** ultra-premium exterior paints. These high-quality paints are formulated to provide ultimate protection against moisture penetration and UV color fade for fewer repaints—plus exceptional performance in dirt pickup resistance for outstanding gloss retention. And **ARISTOSHIELD®** ultra-premium interior/exterior paints deliver a beautiful and durable finish due to their water-based formulation that performs like oil.



GLOSS LEVEL

To determine the right gloss level for your project, consider the following—or request a Gloss Level Guide from a store associate:

- ▶ Flat & Velvet: conceals surface imperfections
- ▶ Eggshell & Low Sheen: use where a slightly higher sheen is desired
- ▶ Semi-Gloss & High-Gloss: easiest to clean; best for trim and areas prone to moisture

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STEP 2: Estimate how much paint you will need

Perimeter (distance around your entire home) = _____ ft.

Perimeter _____ ft. x height* _____ ft. = _____ total home sq. ft.

*If your home has wall areas of different heights, use the highest point. Do not include the roof.

Use this calculation for each door and window: height _____ ft. x width _____ ft. = _____ sq. ft.

Add all of the door and window sq. ft. together, then subtract that figure from the total home sq. ft.:

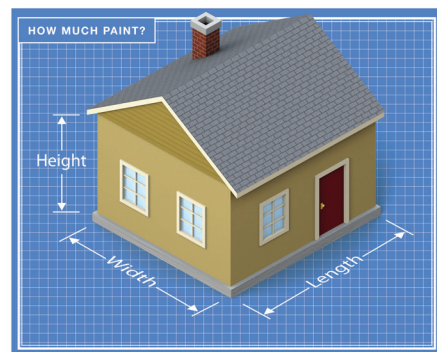
_____ total home sq. ft.

– _____ all doors and windows sq. ft.

= _____ total area to be painted sq. ft.

_____ sq. ft. area to be painted ÷ 400** = _____ x 2 (coats) = _____ total number of gallons needed for 2 coats

**EVERSHIELD paint's spread rate is 350–400 sq. ft. per gallon.



STEP 3: Get the right tools and supplies

Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you need before you begin your project.

___ Particulate mask, goggles & gloves

___ Sandpaper or sanding blocks

___ Wire brush, scrapers or putty knife

___ Caulk & patch tools

___ Paint tray & liners

___ Masking material & tape

___ Brushes, roller frames & covers

___ Bucket

___ Ladder

___ Extension pole

___ Garden hose

___ Rags & cleaning materials





STEP 4: Prepare to paint*

Identify and correct surface problems, and prepare your environment for the painting process.

- ▶ New, unpainted galvanized gutters and downspouts are coated with an oil that must be removed prior to painting. Use a moistened rag with a solvent or a water-soluble degreasing cleaner and thoroughly wipe it clean.
- ▶ Remove shutters and window screens where possible, and set them aside. Clean window screens before reinstallation.
- ▶ Remove rust and peeling paint using a scraper or wire brush. Sand all edges and wash the area with a garden hose or pressure washer.
- ▶ Clean gutters and downspouts, and wash the area beneath the roof eaves.
- ▶ Remove all dust and dirt from the surface of the home using a cloth or soft brush and soapy water. Remove all stains, such as chalking and mildew.
- ▶ Repair all voids, cracks and holes, and caulk all surface joints, cracks and seams. The caulk must be thoroughly dry before painting. When working with bare surfaces, prime before applying caulk.
- ▶ Fill any large holes with a flexible patching material. Allow it to dry completely before painting.
- ▶ Sand all surfaces and use a wire brush or paint scraper to remove loose paint. Be sure to protect yourself with goggles, a particulate filter mask and gloves.
- ▶ Cut back shrubs and plants so they are easier to cover or pull away, but do not leave plants covered too long.
- ▶ Cover all objects and surfaces not being painted with plastic, and move vehicles away from the painting area.
- ▶ Apply the appropriate primer to the all surfaces. Allow all areas to dry thoroughly per the instructions on the product labels.



*For health and safety information related to paint and prep, download our Surface Preparation Safety brochure.

STEP 5: Paint

- ▶ Protect yourself with appropriate gear (mask, goggles, gloves, etc.) and follow ladder safety best practices.
- ▶ Start on the shaded side of your home, and never work in direct sunlight.
- ▶ Begin with your walls, then move on to the trim, railings, porches, steps, foundation and shutters.
- ▶ Outline the walls with a brush before using a roller. Load your brush by dipping it one-third of the length of the bristles and tapping it gently against the side of the can, but don't wipe the brush against the lip. The bristles should flex slightly as you paint (don't press too hard). Use the brush to smooth the paint to an even finish.
- ▶ At each stage of painting, start at the top and work your way down. Paint along natural lines, using horizontal brush strokes for horizontal siding and vertical strokes for vertical siding. Clean any water-based paint spills with a damp cloth before they dry.
- ▶ A roller can be used after you've outlined the edges with a brush. Roll in light, even strokes in several directions. Roll slowly enough to avoid spattering, going as close to the edges as possible.
- ▶ Pull shrubs away from the house using staked ropes as you go.
- ▶ When opening a new gallon of paint, intermix the old and new paint to ensure color uniformity.



The brush's bristles should flex slightly as you paint.



Intermix each new can of paint with some of the previous can for color uniformity.



Remove tape at a 45° angle to unveil crisp paint lines.

STEP 6: Cleanup

- ▶ Thoroughly clean brushes, roller covers and other tools with soap and water.
- ▶ Save leftover paint for future touch-ups. Place a layer of plastic wrap over the mouth of the can before replacing the lid securely. Store paint in an area that is not exposed to freezing or varied temperatures.
- ▶ Paint cans with fully dried paint residue may be disposed of in household trash. Leave the lid off the container so the collector can see that the paint has dried. **NEVER POUR LEFTOVER PAINT DOWN A DRAIN OR INTO A STORM SEWER.**
- ▶ Once the paint has dried, replace the shutters and screens.

STEP 7: Maintenance

- ▶ Periodically check all painted surfaces to resolve any problems early.
- ▶ Promptly repair cracking, peeling or blistering paint.
- ▶ Remove dirt occasionally by rinsing with a garden hose.

Please note that these suggestions are provided as a service to you. We cannot guarantee or be responsible for the results obtained by these procedures. Before attempting any of these methods, test them on an inconspicuous area. If you have questions, please contact or visit a Dunn-Edwards store.

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS

Your home is more than just walls; it's a protector of cherished memories and prized possessions. Safeguard it with paint that has been engineered to last. You'll be doing your part to protect the planet, too. Made in the world's first and only LEED® Gold-certified paint manufacturing facility, Dunn-Edwards products meet or exceed most environmental standards.



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