

HOW TO CHOOSE A PAINTING CONTRACTOR

Find a professional you can trust.



YOU'VE FOUND THE BEST PAINT, MAKE SURE IT'S IN THE RIGHT HANDS

The best painting contractors bring quality, safety, and accountability to every project. Make sure you're choosing the right one to protect your property and your investment.

WHY IT MATTERS

A fresh coat of paint can transform your walls, but only when it's done right. Here's what you should expect from your contractor:

- ▶ Expert surface prep
- ▶ Paint product knowledge
- ▶ Meticulous site management and cleanup
- ▶ Strict safety protocols
- ▶ Insurance coverage



10 STEPS TO HIRE THE RIGHT PAINTER

1. Ask around.

Talk to people you trust and get recommendations. Your local Dunn-Edwards store is a great place to start!

2. Set goals.

Write a description of your project. Be as specific as possible, and note your paint color, gloss level, and target project completion date.

3. Get references.

Contact painters and request at least three references from each, with photos if possible. When you evaluate references consider the following items:

- ▶ Was the job completed on time?
- ▶ Are you satisfied with the results?
- ▶ Did the quote match the final cost?
- ▶ Was the painter's work disruptive?
- ▶ Would you hire the painter again?

4. Ask for quotes.

Invite your top three contenders to visit and provide a quote. Give them your list of goals and ask them to include these details on the quote:

- ▶ Painter's contact information
- ▶ Your contact information
- ▶ Description of the project, including all areas to be prepped and painted
- ▶ Paint products and colors to be used, including brand names
- ▶ Completion date
- ▶ Breakdown of material and labor costs
- ▶ Total project cost
- ▶ Painter's signature and quote date

5. Watch and listen.

Pay attention to each painter's presentation. Are they polite, professional, and dressed appropriately? Did they send a quote in a reasonable timeframe?

6. Ensure they're insured.

Painting can be hazardous work. Ask to see a certificate of insurance to make sure you are not held responsible for job-related injuries or property damage.

7. Verify licensing.

Some cities and states require painters to prove competency and safety knowledge. Ask candidates for proof of licensing if it is required in your area.

8. Sign the contract.

Once you've selected a painting contractor, make sure you both sign a contract. It should include all of the details from the quote plus payment terms.

9. Pay your painter.

To protect yourself and ensure that the project is done to your satisfaction, follow these payment tips:

- ▶ Never pay cash
- ▶ Never pay the entire cost of the project upfront. Ask the contractor for their payment terms.
- ▶ Keep all payment records
- ▶ Only make your final payment once you are completely satisfied with the job

10. Reward good work.

If you're happy with the painter you chose, give them a shout-out on Google reviews, Yelp, social media, or old-fashioned word of mouth.

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS

Your walls house you and everything you care about—make sure they're safeguarded 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 LEED® Gold certified paint manufacturing facility in Phoenix, Arizona, Dunn-Edwards paints meet or exceed most environmental standards.



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