



How to Paint Wood


Painting over wood is a popular project – and one that can easily go wrong. If you don't get it right, you can find yourself with a mess and wasted wood. Sometimes, painting is a project best left to the pros. Use this guide to help you decide whether you'll DIY or hire a guy.

Materials Required:

- Wood to paint
- Rag or cloth
- Sander
- Coarse-grained sandpaper
- Fine-grained sandpaper
- Primer
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Mix stick

Steps:

- 1 Start by cleaning the wood with a rag.
- 2 Using sandpaper, remove any inconsistencies or existing finishes that may get in the way of the new paint.
- 3 Prime the wood before adding color. Primer evens out the color and helps paint bond with the surface.
- 4 Once the primer has dried, sand the primed wood with fine-grained sandpaper until the surface is smooth.
- 5 Add paint.
- 6 If you are painting something that is going outside, make sure that your paint has a built-in sealer -- or add a sealer like polyurethane once the paint is dry.

 HomeAdvisor tip: Adding a few drops of paint to your primer will tint the primer to better match your paint color.