



## **Painting Fundamental - 5**

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**Note: This Fundamental does not necessarily apply to work requiring EPA RRP Rule Standards**

### **Procedure Steps:**

1. Perform pre-existing condition inspection. Document, photograph and communicate per company procedures.
2. Apply a border at the baseboard/carpet junction using either tape or other protective material. Position tape/protective material so that it prevents the carpet from contacting the baseboard which will keep the carpet fibers from getting into the paint.
3. Cover the carpet area with appropriate floor protection. Options include:
  - a. Drop Cloths - use size for most effective coverage
  - b. Carpet Plastic – adhesive backed plastic rolls. Suitable for jobs involving significant dust generation such as plaster or drywall repairs
  - c. Masonite – heavy duty work (consider applying carpet plastic or drop cloths prior to applying masonite).
4. Tape floor protection together as needed:
  - a. Drop Cloths - drop cloths can be taped together to prevent sliding apart & exposing the carpet
  - b. Masonite - tape over joints to hold panels together & protect the carpeting. Tape edges to border at baseboard.
5. Clean Up
  - a. Drop Cloths – fold drop cloths into themselves by pulling the corners into the center to keep anything from falling out of the drop cloth. Remove drop cloths to location to dispose of material.
  - b. Carpet Plastic – Sweep and/or vacuum dust and debris, roll up the plastic into itself to contain any remaining dust.
  - c. Masonite – Sweep and/or vacuum dust and debris, and remove panels

### **Tips:**

- Mark drop cloths as “TOP” / “INTERIOR” or “EXTERIOR”
- Rubber Back Drop Cloths can be effective at stopping water & solvents from leaking through.

## PROTECTING FLOORS - CARPETS

- On stairs, use floor protection materials that is non-slip.
- Adhesive rolls of carpet protection can be pre-cut to narrow width rolls for use where narrower strips of protection is needed.
- If drop cloths are sliding away from border protection, the gap can be covered by either placing a narrow strip of carpet plastic down or applying masking paper.
- When spraying, a border of masking paper that extends over the drop cloth can reduce the amount of over-spray that gets on the drop cloth.

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