



Painting Fundamental - 13

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Tools/Supplies: Roller frame; roller cover; roller tray/deep well trough/bucket with screen; extension pole; brush/roller spinner

Procedure Steps:

1. Prep the roller cover for use.
 - a. De-lint roller cover as needed, techniques include
 - i. Washing and spinning
 - ii. Applying painter's tape to pull off loose fibers
 - b. Pre-wet roller cover to maximize paint absorption throughout the roller nap and to minimize paint drying near the core. Be sure to remove excess water by spinning the roller cover.
2. Decide on the best way to roll each area and factor these into your plan.
 - a. Remember you need to keep a wet edge. Rolling into semi dry paint will leave a visible texture and different appearance.
 - b. Be aware of lighting both artificial and natural.
 - i. Light at a low or shallow angle can highlight imperfections
 - ii. Be sure there are no shadows and use spotlights at an angle, not straight on.
3. Loading the roller
 - a. Place the roller onto the sloped portion of the roller pan/tray/screen /grid and roll slowly down into the coating enough to wet the nap but be sure not to submerge the roller into the core which will lead to dripping.
 - b. Pull the roller back and spread the coating evenly around the cover by lifting the roller and dipping the dry areas of the roller into the coating. Use the roller to pull some coating onto the grid to help saturate the roller faster and more evenly without overloading.
 - c. Repeat this process until you feel the roller is evenly loaded.
4. Applications - Apply coating in a four-step process
 - a. Cover the surface with the coating
 - i. Lift your roller from the tray or bucket making sure that no paint is dripping.
 - ii. Begin rolling about 12 inches from a corner.
 - iii. Apply the roller to the wall and start rolling in an upward direction in order to reduce dripping and splattering that could occur if you roll downward. Continuing by spreading the paint uniformly in the area to be coated.
 - iv. Working away from the corner. Apply paint in a top to bottom motion.

APPLY COATINGS by ROLLER

- v. When the roller starts drying out, start coating towards the corner making sure not to put too much coating into the corner that it can't get rolled out.
- vi. Reload the roller and continue to apply paint to a full vertical section from top to bottom in a width such that a wet edge can be maintained.
- b. Spread the paint just applied evenly on the wall.
 - i. Continue rolling out the coating until you get a smooth, even finish. When the roller is no longer releasing paint evenly, smooth out the coating by rolling over the area again with long even vertical strokes.
- c. Back roll into the area just coated as a finishing step
 - i. Use light even pressure "all full length" and in the same direction.
- d. Apply coating to the next area.
 - i. Repeat steps b and c.

Tips:

- Be sure not to roll paint completely out of the roller cover. This will diminish the amount of paint the cover will hold the next time you load it up, so load up early and often to keep the edge wet.
- Roller covers – choose the correct size, length of nap and material for the job.
- Mini-roller can be effective in small areas and cut-ins to minimize picture framing from brush marks. Also, it can be effective when painting doors.
- Select an extension pole based on the needed distance and space of maneuverability.
- Roller tray vs bucket vs trough - choose the appropriate container for your particular job.
- Be mindful of priorities such as level of quality and production rate as you are rolling.
- A properly prepped roller cover prevents roller lint from getting in your paint.
- Even newly opened paint cans may need to be strained to remove contamination, skins, lumps etc.
- Be sure that the roller tray/liner is clean to prevent contamination from rust, dried paint etc. Be aware that dried paint can easily flake off in a plastic liner.
- Make sure your roller frame spins easily in both directions.
- If you notice heavy buildup of paint from the edges of your roller, you have paint buildup on the ends of your roller. In this case, apply pressure to the right and left sides of the roller edges to remove the extra paint. Redistribute the excess paint.
- Cut and mini roll around light switches and outlets to ensure adequate coverage.
- Use of adequate light to inspect your work from different angles CANNOT be emphasized enough.

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