## Chapter 15 – Painting, Staining

| Preparation | 1. Determine a painting plan. See Sec. 15.1.1  
2. Cut poly for use as protection from unruly paint/stain. See Table 15-1 for sizes and function  
3. Ready some small paint containers, roller pans and paint liners and set near paint supply  
4. Open windows for fresh air.  
5. Dust off window sills and edges above tub/shower before priming  
7. Protect tub/shower. Cover shower flange with tape/poly.  
8. Verify window frames have been covered with blue painters’ tape. If not, cover frames  
9. Turn on all lights  
10. Use drill/paint mixer to thoroughly mix paint. Use cedar shim to mix stain.  
11. Place poly on floor where paint is to be mixed or poured.  
12. Attach hose (in basement) and fill four pails with water: one for hands/rags, three for brushes |
| Priming, Painting and Staining | 13. Do not prime or paint garage ceiling or plastered sheetrock in a garage.  
14. Prime ceilings before walls  
15. Prime walls, ceilings, and scuttle hole cover with one coat of primer using rollers  
16. Use brushes to cut in all corners and surfaces inaccessible to rollers.  
  a. Do not leave lap marks. Roll out drips and lap marks to eliminate heavy streaks on plaster  
  b. Wipe off splatter on doors, hinges, strike plates, etc. with a damp rag before paint dries.  
17. Hold primer and paint back 1” from edges of exterior doors.  
18. When cutting in ceiling and wall corners, paint a 3” wide border on each side of corner  
19. Remove painter’s tape as soon as possible after painting, but leave window frame tape on  
20. Scrape roller covers and brush primer from containers. Transfer leftover primer back to supply  
21. Re-use scraped primer roller covers and cleaned brushes for painting. Replace liners and small containers before painting  
22. Finish coat walls, ceilings, and scuttle cover using same techniques described for priming.  
23. After painting, check for lightly coated areas using portable lights held 1’ - 2’ from surface. Re-coat if found  
24. Stain closet poles and stair handrail and skirt boards  
25. Prime and paint scuttle hole trim |
| Clean-Up | 26. If painting can’t be completed in a day, wrap rollers and brushes tightly in plastic or foil for re-use  
27. Scrape roller covers and brush paint from containers and liners. Transfer back to supply  
28. Dispose of all roller covers and pan liners, as well as containers with excessive paint build-up  
29. Clean and rinse brushes. Give to site leader to evaluate for keeping versus disposal  
30. Leave window tops under eaves and along front porch open 1” before leaving |
| Preparation for Next Build Day | 31. Secure covers on leftover primer/paint pails, mark approximate leftover volume on covers, leave covers off empty pails  
32. Leave all primer and paint pails inside house  
33. If on-site, stack ¼” Multi-Ply inside house |
Quality Points

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- Protect inside of exterior doors and shower stall flange and tub/shower before painting
- Do not cut in around windows unless window frames have been taped. Do not remove tape from frames after painting.
- Ensure paint has been well mixed before pouring into roller pan liners and containers
- Brush off rim of 5 gallon pails immediately after pouring to prevent build-up on poly tarp
- Apply paint thicker/heavier rather than too thin (don’t “stretch” the paint)
- Roll out lap marks and drips on ceilings and walls
- Wipe off all drips and spatters with a damp rag as soon as possible, including spills on subfloor. Especially tub/shower, hardware, doors and window glass
- Ensure all plastered surfaces have been primed and painted, including scuttle hole cover and scuttle hole trim
- Check for lightly painted areas using portable lights and re-paint those areas
- Ensure stair skirt, and stair handrail and closet poles have been stained. Wipe off excess with dry rag
- Remove all painters tape (except the tape on the window frames) and covers and wipe off all spatters and “stray” rolled and brushed paint with a damp rag.
- Return residual paint from roller covers, containers and pan liners to the paint supply pail
- Discard roller covers, pan liners and small containers with excess paint build-up
- Clean brushes in the three pails of water (in basement) and return to site leader for re-use evaluation
- Ensure lids have been sealed on cans of leftover primer paint and stain. Mark paint lids with content volume