# 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.
   - Do not leave lap marks. Roll out drips and lap marks to eliminate heavy streaks on plaster
   - 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, weather permitting.
31. If floors are covered with paper, remove all paper being careful not to get any spilled paint on the subfloor.

## Preparation for Next Build Day

32. Secure covers on leftover primer/paint pails, mark approximate leftover volume on covers, leave covers off empty pails
33. Leave all primer and paint pails inside house
Quality Points

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- Inside of exterior doors, shower stall flange, and tub/shower are clean of any paint
- Tape around window frames is in place and paint cleaned from glass surfaces
- All painted surfaces have been quality checked and touched up as necessary
- Stair skirt and stair handrail are stained, and quality checked
- All painter’s tape (except on window frames) has been removed
- All residual paint has been returned to containers, containers sealed, and marked with approximate volume. (Half full, quarter full, etc.) Empty containers are left open and set aside.
- Any paper floor covering is removed