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Making Painting Easier

We created this handy guide to help you through the painting process. From choosing the perfect colour, right through to mastering an easy clean-up, we’ve got it covered.

For more product and colour information, plus useful “how to” videos showing the tricks of the trade, check out www.dulux.com.au

If your job’s worth doing, it’s worth doing with us.

Choosing the perfect colour
Choosing Colour

Choosing the perfect colour is never easy but help is at hand. The best place to start is a Dulux® colour brochure followed by picking a selection of colour chips from the Dulux Colour Wall. The Dulux colour schemes are also a great help in choosing the perfect mix of colours for your home. It is worthwhile considering applying a texture to a feature wall to add some interest and individuality to your living space.

Sample Pots
It is always important to remember that colours can appear to change in larger areas and under different lights. Dulux Colour Solutions® Sample Pots are a great way to help test your colour selection.

Colour Consultants
If you need a second opinion or simply want some help in choosing colours for your home then a Dulux Colour Consultant may be for you. They’ll help you choose the perfect colour scheme at an affordable price. Call 13 25 25 or book online at www.dulux.com.au

Choosing Paint

Dulux® Colour
It is a little known fact that only Dulux paint guarantees Dulux colour. While it’s a popular myth that you can tint any colour into any paint brand, it is just that, a myth, and the result is an inferior colour match.

Sheen Levels
When choosing paint it is important to choose sheen levels carefully. The reason for this is the sheen level can dramatically change the look of your walls. For example, flat and low sheen paints hide surface imperfections better than gloss paints, which is the reason they are used on most walls and ceilings.

Colours Left to Right: Dulux Henna Red, Dulux China White & Dulux Ecru
ONLY DULUX® PAINT GUARANTEES DULUX® COLOUR
Remember, tinting Dulux colours into any other brand of paint will result in an inferior colour match (including whites).

OTHER PAINT BRAND 1
- DULUX PLANTAIN
- DULUX RED BOX
- DULUX SHETLAND LACE

OTHER PAINT BRAND 2

Interior

Which paint where
**Dulux® Once® Interior**
- Covers with a premium finish in one coat
- Use to paint over a similar colour
- Highly washable
- Saves time and effort

**Dulux® Wash & Wear® Low Sheen**
- Exceptional washability
- Super stain resistance
- Highly scuff proof
- Low odour and low VOC*
- Unbeatable colour range

**Dulux® Aquanamel®**
- Tough water-based enamel
- Fast drying, low odour and easy water wash up
- Non-yellowing
- Available in gloss or semi gloss

**Dulux® Super Enamel™**
- Tough, traditional enamel
- Oil-based
- Available in high gloss or semi gloss

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**Paint Tip**
When choosing enamels consider using Dulux Aquanamel as it’s a water-based enamel and therefore emits less odour compared to oil based enamels. It also dries faster!

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**How long will it take?**
As a rule it will take around six hours to coat a 4m x 5m room and two days to paint the entire room including drying time between coats. To save time use Dulux Once as it only requires one coat, not two, that’s six hours saved per room.

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*This paint contains less than 160g per litre of VOCs. VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) contribute to atmospheric pollution, so this paint is better for the environment compared to paints with higher VOCs.*
Dulux® NeverMiss®
One Coat Ceiling White
- Applies pink and dries white for easy application
- Flat finish
- One coat
- Use on white ceilings that require repainting

Dulux® Once®
Ceiling White
- Extra hiding power
- Flat finish
- One coat
- Use on uncoated ceilings*

* Note: a prep coat is required on new, uncoated ceilings prior to painting with Dulux Once Ceiling White.

Dulux® Wash & Wear®
Kitchen & Bathroom
- Mould and bacteria resistant
- Exceptional washability
- Super stain resistance
- Highly scuff proof
- Low odour and low VOC*
- Available in low sheen and semi gloss

Dulux® Wash & Wear®
Kitchen & Bathroom Ceiling
- Mould and bacteria resistant
- Flat finish with extra hiding power
- Low odour and low VOC*

How long will it take?
As a guide it should take roughly one hour to coat a 4m x 5m ceiling with one coat.

MouldShield® 7 Year Guarantee
against mould growth.

MouldShield® 5 Year Guarantee
against mould growth.

* Dulux Wash & Wear Kitchen & Bathroom and Dulux Wash & Wear Kitchen & Bathroom Ceiling are guaranteed for 7 years and 5 years respectively against mould growth as long as they are applied in accordance with the instructions for use. If mould growth occurs within 7 or 5 years (respectively of each product) of application, we’ll replace the paint free of charge to rectify the affected areas. This warranty is limited and excludes all labour and other charges. To make a claim under the warranty, please contact Dulux Customer Service AUST 13 25 25, NZ 0800 800 424 and provide details of your claim. You must show proof of purchase and bear all expenses incurred in making a claim. The benefits of this warranty are in addition to other rights and remedies under any applicable law. Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

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The Dulux® Design range provides a designer collection of paints with extra texture or finish to ensure that your feature wall makes a statement. These products include:

- Dulux® Design Silk™
- Dulux® Design Stone™
- Dulux® Design Suede™
- Dulux® Design Pearl™
- Dulux® Design Metallic™
- Dulux® Design Chalkboard™
- Dulux® Design Rust™
- Dulux® Design Limewash™
We guarantee Dulux®
Weathershield® won’t blister, flake or peel for as long as you live in your house.*

Dulux® Roof & Trim™
• High performance with a 15 year guarantee*
• Safe for the collection of drinking water
• UV protection
• Resists dirt and stains
• Recommended for use on all types of exterior roofs including galvanised iron, Colorbond®, Colorsteel®, concrete tiles, and trims such as plastic spouting, timber fascias, masonry and structural metals
• Available in Colorbond® colours

Dulux® Once® Exterior
• Covers with a premium low sheen finish in one coat
• Saves time and effort
• Outstanding durability
• Use to paint over a similar colour

Dulux® Weathershield®
• Long life, superior protection from all weather conditions
• UV protection to prevent damage caused by the harsh sun
• Self priming** on most surfaces
• Resists mould, dirt and stains
• Use on all exterior timber, masonry and metals
• Available in matt, low sheen, semi gloss and gloss

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TRIM
DULUX ANTIQUE WHITE U.S.A.
WALLS:
DULUX PISTACHIO TANG

How long will it take?
As a rule it will take around one to two weeks to paint an entire house including drying time. To save time you could use Dulux Once as it only requires one coat, not two.

**ChromaMax® bases, steel and wrought iron require a primer.

*The Dulux Promise: Guaranteed for as long as you live in your house. We guarantee as long as Dulux Weathershield is applied in accordance with the instructions for use, Dulux Weathershield will not peel, flake or blister for as long as you are living in your house. If it doesn’t deliver, we will replace the product free of charge. This guarantee does not cover paint failure caused by any breakdown of coating applied previously where Dulux Weathershield is applied over coatings not specified by Dulux or in the event of substrate failure. For residential work only. For commercial work refer to duspec.com.au. To claim you must be living in the house you have painted with Dulux Weathershield. The warranty only applies for as long as you live in your house from the date of purchase. 15 Year Guarantee: Dulux guarantees that Dulux Roof & Trim will not peel, flake or blister for 15 years on metal roofs, timber and masonry, provided it is applied on properly prepared surfaces as per the label directions. This guarantee does not cover paint failure caused by any breakdown of coating applied previously or when used on concrete tile and plastics. The Dulux Promise and the 15 Year Guarantee are limited and exclude all labour and other charges. To make a claim under the Dulux Promise or the 15 Year Guarantee, please contact Dulux Customer Service AUST 13 25 25, NZ 0800 800 424 and provide details of your claim. You must show proof of purchase and bear all expenses incurred in making a claim. The benefit of these warranties are in addition to any other rights and remedies under any applicable law. Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.
**Dulux® Aquanamel®**
- Tough water-based enamel
- Fast drying, low odour and easy water wash up
- Hard wearing and chip resistant
- Available in gloss or semi gloss

**Dulux® Weathershield®**
- Guaranteed not to peel, flake or blister for as long as you live in your house*
- Long life, superior protection from all weather conditions
- Self priming** on most surfaces
- Resists mould, dirt and stains
- Easy to apply and washes out in water
- Use gloss or semi gloss

*Please see page 15 for details of guarantee.
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**How long will it take?**
Generally it takes less than an hour to paint a door with one coat. However, it is important to factor in the time it takes to prepare the surface and drying time between the first and second coat.

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**For a full range of colours for each effect, pick up a Dulux Textures brochure in-store.**

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**Dulux® Texture Tuscan™**
- Soft washed look

**Dulux® Texture Fine Cover™**
- Sandy texture finish

**Dulux® Texture Medium Cover™**
- Medium render finish

**Dulux® Texture Full Cover™**
- Render finish

All Textures products above can be used on brick, cement render, fibre cement and masonry surfaces.
Dulux® Metalshield® is a range of premium products including primers, spraypaks and topcoats. These are available in a wide range of colours and finishes to beautify and protect all your metal surfaces.

**Dulux® Metalshield® Premium**
- Ultimate protection against corrosion
- Primer and Topcoat system
- Superior gloss and colour retention

**Dulux® Metalshield® Epoxy Enamel**
- The convenience of no primer required over new/unpainted steel or wrought iron
- Excellent durability
- Epoxy Enamel bases allows you to tint colours from the Dulux Colour Wall

**Dulux® Metalshield® Spraypak**
- Quick and easy application
- Available in a range of popular Colorbond® colours
- Perfect for detailed and hard to reach metal surfaces

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**Preparation**

What you will need for the best result
How much paint do I need?

**Interior Paint Guide**

This helps you give you an approximate indication of the amount of paint you may need:

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If you want to work it out to your room dimensions, this is the equation to use:

1. Measure the height of a wall and the perimeter (the edge) of the room.
2. Multiply the height by the perimeter to find the total area (the number of square metres.)
3. Subtract from this the area of the doors and the windows (multiply the doors and windows height and width to find their area) to work out your final area requiring paint.
4. Divide the total area by 16 (1 litre of paint covers approximately 16 square metres*) to work out the total litres of paint required for each coat.
5. Double this number for 2 coats to reach the final number of litres of paint required.

Alternatively, you can always visit [www.dulux.com.au](http://www.dulux.com.au) and enter your wall measurements into the paint calculator to determine the amount of paint needed.

*Always check the coverage rate on the back of the container or at [www.dulux.com.au](http://www.dulux.com.au) to confirm the quantity required.

**Preparation**

**Interior & Exterior Surfaces**

- It is essential that paint is applied to a clean surface. For the best result use Selleys® Sugar Soap and a scrubbing brush to remove dirt and grease from walls, rinsing with water, and then allow to dry.

- However, if the paint has peeled and bubbled it will need to be removed with a wire brush or scraper and then sanded. Wipe down before painting. For badly deteriorated paint, a paint stripper may be needed such as Selleys® Kwik Strip™ Smart.

- For faster painting, remove door handles.

- Remember to cover up flooring, decking, paving and furniture with canvas drop sheets.

- For the best result, use a quality masking tape like 3M® Scotch-Blue™ Painter’s Tape when masking up as cheap tapes rip easily and allow paint to bleed through the edges. Apply the masking tape along edges where you don’t want any paint.

- When repainting doors, window frames or trim ensure that any gloss surfaces are sanded until matt before applying any coatings.

- Be sure to use an interior filler such as Selleys® Spakfilla® Interior for interior surface repairs. It is important to overfill any cracks with Spakfilla® before sanding back to a smooth surface and applying a primer undercoat. Using a sanding sponge around trim to shape uneven surfaces will also help to achieve the best results.
Prep Coats
Prep coats are important as they protect and prepare the surface to be painted with a topcoat.

Primers on the other hand adhere to timber surfaces and contain stain inhibiting tannin blockers, while an undercoat is ideal for preparing plasterboard.

The easy alternative is Dulux® 1 Step® Acrylic Primer, Sealer & Undercoat. Being a three-in-one primer, sealer and undercoat it saves time and money.

**Dulux® 1 Step® Acrylic Primer, Sealer & Undercoat**
- Three-in-one prepcoat
- Primes, seals and undercoats in just one step
- Low odour and easy water wash up

**Dulux® Acrylic Sealer Undercoat with Ultrasmooth™**
- Use for interior plasterboard and over textured surfaces
- Seals and undercoats
- Smooth finish, excellent coverage
- Low odour and easy water wash up

**Paint Tip**
If repainting a surface that is in good condition, a prep coat is not required providing the surface is clean and not glossy. Glossy surfaces need to be sanded to a matt finish.
Painting Techniques & Equipment

Equipment
What you will need for the best result:

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Which roller nap length should I use?
The nap or pile refers to the length of the roller’s fibres.
* Use a 6mm short nap for smooth surfaces and high gloss paints.
* Use a 12mm medium nap for ceilings, walls, low sheen and flat paints.
* Use a 20mm long nap for rough surfaces.

Brush
The perfect grip for holding the brush is between the first finger and thumb, resting the fingertips on the top of the brush. Dip half the bristles into the paint and wipe the brush on the side of the can to remove excess. For the best result use short brush strokes when applying the paint.

Roller
After pouring the paint into the tray, dip the roller into the paint and then roll it back and forth on the shallow part of the tray to ensure even coverage. If you apply the paint too heavily it may splatter. Use an even pressure throughout application.

Paint Application Pads
Application pads are very handy when you have edges to paint around. Using a paint brush simply load the pad with paint and run it along the architrave, skirting or cornice.

Application

Before starting it is very important to mix your paint thoroughly with a blade stirrer.

Ceilings
The best place to start when painting an entire room is the ceiling. Paint with a roller, beginning at a point furthest away from the main window and working toward the light. Use a brush and edger to paint cornices and where the ceiling meets the wall.

Walls
Begin painting the walls at the edges and corners using a brush, edger or trim & corner pad. Once this is finished progress to a roller. Slowly roll the paint onto the surface in a series of close zig-zag strokes roughly a metre square. Then, re-roll the area with parallel strokes to even up the spread of paint. Begin the next area of the wall a metre down, overlapping the wet edge of the previously completed area. Continue these steps working a square metre at a time.

Trim
Paint the trim with a brush. Begin with the doors and the window frames, then finish with the skirting boards. Ensure you use a quality, low tack masking tape along the wall and floors then use a trim cutter brush for a clean line.

Weatherboards
When it comes to painting weatherboards, work horizontally by applying paint all the way across each board. Be careful not to stop in the middle of a board as it can cause an unsightly “lapping” effect where the fully dried paint meets the new wet coat.

Paint Tip
As a general rule when painting, work from the top down so that you don’t drip paint on areas that have already been painted.
Clean-Up

To begin the clean-up remove as much excess paint as possible by brushing or rolling out on newspaper. Be sure to wash brushes, rollers and other equipment in water. It is vital to rinse equipment well and, if necessary, straighten brush bristles with an old comb. To save time, mess and water use a Rota Cota® Rolla Cleana to clean roller covers.

Leftover waste paint
If you have any leftover waste paint, dispose of it in an environmentally friendly way using Dulux® Envirosolutions® Waste Paint Hardener. It turns unwanted water-based paints into solid waste for easy household disposal. Simply pour the Dulux® Envirosolutions® Waste Paint Hardener into the remaining paint and stir until it solidifies. Leave for 2 hours with the lid off. Now you can easily remove the hardened paint from the can, wrap it in newspaper and dispose of it via your domestic waste.

Remember, steel cans are recyclable; check with your local council on the best way to recycle them.

*Note: Wash up Dulux® Super Enamel™ in turps.
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