

New Ideas For The Home At The Home Show Klamath County Fairgrounds

Latex Paints Now In Use For Exterior Applications

House paint has two functions. The first and most important is to protect the surface from the effects of rain, snow and sunlight. The second is to beautify the house.

Most homes are built of clapboard siding and should be painted with quality house paint. Wood shingles can also be painted, but many people prefer a protective stain. There are transparent finishes to preserve natural color and grain of wood used in ranch house construction.

For the wood trim of a house, colorful exterior enamel or trim-and-trellis paint is recommended. Easy-to-apply latex paints which have been used extensively for indoor decorating have now branched "out."

Special exterior masonry latexes are now on the market (under various brand names) for use on stucco, cement, bricks, cinder blocks and asbestos shingles.

What are their advantages? Substantially the same as those used indoors, according to the Dow Chemical Company. They go on easily... they dry quickly... and it's easy to clean up after painting. And — most important, they look wonderful!

Latex stands up to wind and weather. It resists mildew. It can be cleaned by hosing.

Trouble spots can be touched up and will blend right in with the original job.

Latex paints cover so well that often one coat is usually sufficient; if a second is needed, however, it can be applied the same day... outdoors as well as in, latex paints can dry in less than an hour.

In selecting paint for wood surfaces, it is wise to buy a self-cleaning or chalking type which weathers gradually. However, if there is masonry below the wood, be sure to get a non-chalking paint, for the chalking type will stain the masonry.

The need to protect iron and steel from rusting through the use of corrosion resistant primers such as red lead or zinc chromate followed by house paint or bright enamel, is well known. But the fact that copper, brass and bronze corrode and produce an ugly staining downwash is not generally recognized until too late.

These metals should be protected with clear exterior finishes or with opaque paints over a metal primer. The same is true for exterior aluminum which pits and discolors.

Proper preparation of the surface is extremely important for a good job. Dirt, oil and grease and mildew must be removed. Any loose, scaly or blistered paint should be scraped away and the bare spots primed with house paint primer.

Masonry surfaces such as brick, cement need a paint that is resistant to the alkali they contain. Such paints include rubber-based paints, exterior latex (emulsion) paints, and portland cement paints. Where an opaque coating is not desired, there are transparent, water-repellent silicones that do an excellent job.

Rust should also be brushed away and the metal primed with metal primer. Loose boards should be renewed, with the nails countersunk and puttied.

Check joints around window frames and doors and where boards butt together. If necessary, recaulk these cracks.

Today's paints are designed to last from four to six years, depending on climate and the color selected.

A final word: consult with your dealer on all problems that might arise. And when you've bought your paint, read the instructions on the label carefully and follow them to the letter.

Don't 'Do It' Unless Fully Qualified

Let's face it... there are some home jobs that go considerably beyond the know-how, skill and equipment of most homeowners. And remember, local building inspection codes are strict, calling for certain installations only by licensed experts.

While you may have heard of some homeowners putting in their own complete heating systems, you may be sure that these instances are rare. The same is true of installations of 220-volt lines for electric stoves.

DON'T TAKE CHANCES

There is another area of work that calls for the experts... that is, when things go wrong with gas furnaces or oil burners. There are altogether too many explosions and fires caused by defective equipment of this kind.

CONSIDER HEALTH, TOO

Finally, let's remember the limitations of physical condition. Consider your age and health, and undertake activities that you can handle without serious strain or excessive discomfort. This applies particularly to helpful elders. Be sure to supervise their work.

"Doing it yourself" is a way to save money — but its appeal goes far beyond simple economy. There's real, honest satisfaction in a job well done — that you have done with your own hands. So DO IT YOURSELF — but do it safely — AND ENJOY YOURSELF!

Brand-New Paint Products Make Painting an 'Anytime' Project

Anytime of the year is interior painting time because new paints are odorless, easy to apply, and very fast-drying — some types dry in much less than one hour. For as little as \$10 you can paint a whole room using the solvent-thinned or water-thinned paints, both of which are available in a wide range of beautiful colors.

The solvent-thinned paints are the familiar oil paints and the newer alkyl resin paints that have new ease of application, are self-leveling, dry quickly and have great covering power. When you buy odorless alkyl resin finishes, ask for the companion odorless thinner.

The water-thinned paints are known as latex, or emulsion paints and are found under a wide variety of names — these are extremely fast-drying, odorless, very easy to apply. Spatters, brushes and you — can be cleaned up with water.

Both the alkyl and latex paints dry to a desirable flat finish that is ideal for walls and ceilings of living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, and both can be applied over dry wall construction, wall-paper or plaster.

Semi-gloss or gloss finishes are available in both alkyl and latex types and these glossy paints and enamels are fast-drying, highly scrubable, resistant to grease and dirt, and are practical for trim, kitchens and bathrooms.

- TEN TIPS FOR INDOOR PAINTING**
1. Select the paint product best-suited for the job.
 2. Follow directions on the can.
 3. Use good quality brushes or rollers.
 4. Protect floors and furniture.
 5. Prepare the surface properly.
 6. Paint at comfortable temperatures in a dry, well-ventilated room.
 7. Wipe up spatters and spills immediately before they harden.
 8. Clean brushes, rollers and other tools as soon as you finish using them.
 9. Wear rubber gloves while painting and cleaning brushes or rollers to protect your hands and hasten cleanup time.
 10. Consult your dealer if you have any questions.
- Dress comfortably for the painting job, covering your hair if you're working overhead. Be sure there is adequate ventilation in the room in which you're working. Do the ceiling first, then the walls, and finally the woodwork, doors, and trim.
- Wood walls in bathrooms have proved to be warmer and can be sealed against moisture by water-repellent pigmented stains.

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Cushion Padding Available Now As Base For Linoleum

Since the average housewife walks back and forth across her kitchen floor for an estimate of nine miles every day, a great boon for her comfort can be installation of new cushion padding for under-foot!

This padding is a springy, air-filled foam "underlayment" for almost all floor surfaces.

The material cushions the impact of the foot against the floor, and is said to be five times more comfortable to walk on than flooring alone would be.

Any kind of linoleum, either sheet goods, or tile, may be installed over the air-foam underlayment.

This padding is easy to install on a do-it-yourself project, and can be put down on top of any existing smooth-surface floor (except asphalt tile and vinyl asbestos tile).

Both time and expenses are saved. Old flooring does not have to be ripped up, and sanding the subfloor is not necessary.

Of course, the padding can be used in any room in the house as well as the kitchen.

This material, fully installed, is no more expensive than removing old flooring or putting down a plywood base. And, it's an investment in years of comfort for everyone in the home.

Another advantage the padding offers is that it is quiet; footsteps are softened and other noises are hushed. Because of its resiliency, dirt isn't ground into the surface of the linoleum, and so the floor is easier to keep clean.

Easy To Make Awnings

Translucent awnings made of fiberglass-reinforced plastic panels, can be built by the homeowner in a little more than two hours for about \$25 material cost, according to the manufacturer of Filon Plastic Corp., makers of this versatile material.

Such awnings protect the interior of the house from the glare of the sun, yet allows softly diffused light to filter through.

Color determines the amount of light filtering through the awning. Low light transmitting colors include emerald, forest green, Nile green, turquoise, and dusty peach. Medium light transmitting colors are aquamarine, amber, coral, yellow, green, while the most light transmitting is clear.

Spring house-cleaning time is a good time to check for fire hazards in your home: 1. oil rags and clutter in closets or the attic; 2. faulty electrical wiring; 3. open cans of gasoline or other inflammable material; 4. leaking gas or oil; 5. chimney defects.

"BEAUTY LIFT" . . . for older homes is this moulded-stone facing applied to the exterior. As shown, it not only adds new beauty, but new protection, being water, moisture, termite and fire proof.

Stone Facing Gives Custom Look To Home

Owners of older homes everywhere are looking at them with critical eyes and asking, "Can't be proud of my home?"

All that many older homes need to look smart and modern is a beauty treatment.

One modern "face-lift" method is notable because it differs so radically from tacked-on siding most commonly used.

It is a moulded-stone-facing cast directly on house walls, providing a reinforced concrete armor from the ground up.

It enhances remodeled houses with an expensive custom look not always obtainable with most sidings. Yet it may in many cases present worthwhile savings in cost.

Completely versatile, this simulated stone treatment can be applied over wood, brick or any other existing exterior.

It is available in many colors and designs to suit individual preference.

Besides unmatched beauty, another advantage lies in its permanence that is proof against water, termites, fire, and abrasion. With never a need to re-paint, additional economies result from better insulation that reduces fuel and maintenance costs of heating-cooling plants.

LIGHT MOODS

What "light" mood are you in, darling? This may well be the new question asked by the modern housewife to her tired husband. There are now electric wall switches that control room lighting from soft to bright, by easy turn of a dial.

Financing Plans Available For Home Improving

Need money for remodeling? Obtaining financing for such a project today is relatively easy.

A mortgage needed is a big one. Money probably will have to come as a loan from a mortgage lending institution—the local bank or savings and loan association.

A Variety of Plans

Here are the most important methods of obtaining large sums of remodeling money: Refinancing or new mortgage financing, open-end or additional mortgage advance, Federal Housing Administration Title I home improvement loans, and the individual loan plans of banks and other lending institutions.

The largest amount — if the owner has completely paid for his home or at least has a substantial equity in it — can be obtained by getting an entirely new mortgage on it. The owner of such a property can often borrow up to 50 per cent of its appraised value, or even more.

Refinancing is the procedure whereby the owner acquires a new mortgage loan of an amount large enough to pay off the existing mortgage on a home and to finance a modernizing project as well.

A fairly recent development in the mortgage lending business — the open-end mortgage — has made refinancing procedures unnecessary for many thousands of families, even where major remodeling projects are involved.

Stated simply, the open-end mortgage is one containing a clause under which the lender can make additional advances of money for modernizing up to the amount of the original loan.

SMALLER PROJECTS

Smaller home modernizing projects, requiring expenditures of less than \$3,500 can usually be financed without a mortgage involved in the transaction. And, as in the case of the bigger jobs, there are a number of possible sources of money.

One of the most common is the FHA's Title I home improvement loan program. The maximum amount that can be borrowed under Title I is \$3,500 and the maximum repayment term is 5 years.

The many possible methods of financing and the many sources of loans make home "improvement" a particularly desirable credit purchase.

Weatherproof Older Homes With Asbestos Cement

With the coming of spring, it's a good time to take stock of the condition of your home. The outside of the house should be your first consideration, because it is here that the damage usually starts.

Are there any leaks, loose boards, seams or shingles? Once rain or water find their way through the openings, the interior suffers — and so does your pocketbook. So take a good look.

First, the roof. If it's flat, make sure it's watertight. Caulk all doubtful-looking areas.

If it's a sloping roof, shingled roof, your problem may be a little greater. Check the shingles to see if they're properly fastened. One spring storm may rip off a good portion of the roof if just one shingle is not firm.

If a few shingles have to be replaced, do it right away. Damage from the sun coming on top of the spring rains may force you to replace the roof. Don't take the risk of damaging the rest of the house by a patch-up job. The right replacement material can save you money in the long run.

NO REROOFING WORRY

Installation of asbestos-cement shingles, for instance, can end your roofing worries for the lifetime of your house. Made of asbestos fiber and Portland cement, asbestos shingles will not rot or rust or burn. They will resist damage by water, ice, heat and cold.

These shingles with "built-in color" are rigid and flat, they hug the roof even in the worst windstorms and don't have to be painted for protection.

FOR SIDING FIX-UP

Now — the outside walls... many of the usual headaches that homeowners suffer, can be cured by installing asbestos-cement siding. It will do away with the problem of painting, or the worry over termites, or the cost of maintenance. New application methods which accentuate the horizontal shadow lines between the courses of asbestos shingles will not only give your home a modern look, but also add greater weather-tightness.

Another new method of siding application is the board and batten treatment in which 4-foot-wide asbestos-cement panels are used, with trim batten stripes arranged vertically. This highest quality siding method also is one of the least expensive.

Determine the square footage or running footage (depending on the work required) of the area and divide by the unit measurement of the material used. For example: in covering a 12' x 10' ceiling with 1' x 1' insulating tiles, 120 tiles will be needed.

You can measure the area of a peaked roof without climbing it by determining the square footage of the attic floor or roof deck and adding 30 per cent to this total. An attic floor measuring 1,500 square feet means that the roof area totals approximately 2,400 square feet.

CEILINGING UP

The ceiling is going up in the living room? Many new homes have high ceiling living rooms for added spaciousness. They are especially shown in split level houses that use this idea to contrast a low 'intimate look' to the bedroom.

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