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March 2021 – Painting A Room

Spring is right around the corner — and we're all getting excited about enjoying longer days and warmer weather.

To help celebrate Spring 2021, here's an indoor project you can tackle to make a huge impact in any room with a very small investment – a can of paint.

As you start painting a room, gather the right ideas and supplies so you don't have to stop in the middle of the project to run to the paint store. These include:

Choose paint colors: visit the store and get paint sample cards with suggestions Think about what tone of paint you are looking for.

Paint and primer if required: professionals suggest one gallon for every 400 square feet of wall space.

Now, fill your shopping cart with:

Paint brush, rollers and extension for roller

Paint tray

Painter's tape

Step ladder and rags, if you don't have them at home

Drop cloths

Spackle, putty knife and sandpaper

Caulking and caulking gun

Round up these home supplies: Plastic wrap, in case you need to coat the room the next day, a Sharpie marker to date and label the left-over paint can, listing what room it was used in.

Find some help: Plan on who is going to help you empty the room prior to painting!

Professionals suggest you paint / cut a two-inch to three-inch border around the baseboards, ceiling and window casings. Having an angle brush is helpful for this particular project.

After you apply the first coat, wait about four hours for the paint to dry before applying the next coat. Tackle your ceiling first, then baseboards, and last the walls. Wait 24 hours before you remove the painter's tape.

For deeper and more dramatic colors, you may have to apply several coats. My painter needed four coats when he painted my powder room a deep burgundy, to get the proper deep color.

A dose of reality: if you think it's going to take you three to four hours to paint your room, give yourself TWICE the time!

If you are thinking about painting the room over the weekend, can you empty the room by Thursday? That will help you get a great head start for the weekend!

To do this right, remove all the switch plates and outlet covers, placing them in a safe place outside the room for reuse later. Then tape the room up and spackle the nail holes Friday evening, so you can start Saturday morning with sanding and vacuuming the dust.

Clean the area and get rid of any dust plus spider webs. Now, it's time to paint the room!

It's smart to make childcare arrangements before you start. Plan for making drinks, snacks, lunch and dinner and any other plans you can make ahead. This might be a great day to order out for dinner!

I'll share a funny story with you. A few years ago my daughter wanted to paint her bedroom, and then the downstairs bedroom, too.

I suggested to her that we wait and see how long it takes to paint her room before we commit to the second project in the house.

After spending much of the weekend just doing her room, I didn't hear a word out of her about also painting the downstairs room! Hmmm…

Finally, create a decorating folder: I've gathered together names of all the paint colors and what years I've done the rooms as a reminder, and it's been nice to refer back to them as needed.

For more room-painting ideas, here is a link to HGTV - https://www.hgtv.ca/paint/photos/creative-painting-ideas-bedroom-1929581/

And finally, here's a video to know more about the different types of paint - https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Painting+Your+Room&&view=detail&mid=273E57B7FD3B08B6B765273E57B7FD3B

Good luck on your painting project!

Your local professional organizer,

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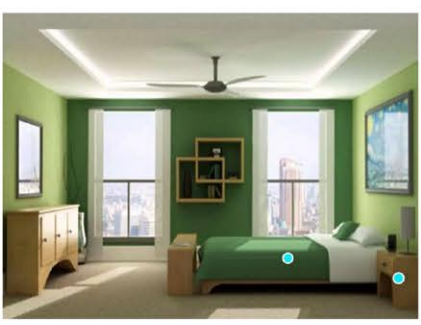

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