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## The Paint Job

**T**HE most cost effective and quickest home improvement project is painting your walls. You can transform the look of a room or your entire house using paints in a variety of textures, styles and techniques.

### On a shoestring budget

Believe it or not but it is possible to add an extra dash of style using a bit of imagination and very little money! Even interior designers often use low budget home decorating ideas to do up low cost projects.

The money you save on fancy furniture can be put to good use with quality wall paint. Give a thought to wall paint ideas. From stencil to textured, there is a whole world of wall paint designs to choose from.

### Down to the basics

First things first! Remove dust, dirt and grease spots (which can ruin a smooth finish) with water, a little mild dishwashing detergent, and a cellulose sponge. Rinse walls with clean water to remove the soap residue.

It's a common myth that walls that have been painted many times do not need to be primed. In fact, primer helps maximise the sheen and the coverage of paint and gives the finish coat a more uniform appearance.

### The right shade?

With the right colours a room can change its feel and become a more enjoyable living space. The use of dark or vibrant shades can add spice to a dull room. Confining vibrant colours to one wall as an accent wall is a great way to change the overall feel, breaking the monotony.

Painting just one wall can be a quick and easy way to achieve a new look. For the do it yourself patience is in order. It could take endless days or nights to complete an entire room if you have to paint after your regular job. Understand all the processes involved and what is needed in order to paint a room before starting. After all, the paint colour will set the tone for the room.

### Point to ponder

It's great to collect paint chips when planning a room, but hold off making final choices until you have developed an overall room scheme. Paint is available in literally an infinite array of colours and is the most versatile element of your room decor, the easiest to change, and the least expensive.

Get ideas but make the final decision after rugs, wallpaper, and fabrics are finalised. When you go shopping, you will need to refer to your fabric, carpet, tile, wallpaper, and trim samples constantly. Be sure to take everything with you wherever you go. No telling where you might see something wonderful.

### Breaking monotony

Stand aside from the mundane and try out something different.

Choose to go monochromatic with an intense colour and use different tones, depths and intensities to create your accent corner. You could use a primer or you could paint straight on the surface with an emulsion.

To make a small room look larger, choose a light paint and select furnishings in the same shade, albeit in different tones. Or you could

paint some of the furniture to match the walls!

Simple patterns are easy on the eye while bold and large patterns are more impactful and add visual weight.

If your room is cramped and dark, then it is best to keep the ceiling white. However if your room is a bit more spacious you can create drama!

You could even choose to create textures on your ceiling for instance or a dark colour that draws the eye to lighter coloured walls.

### Smooth as silk

Berger paints is one of the leading paint manufacturers in the country. Berger Silk, which is arguably one of South Asia's best, has been revised with a brand new formula. What makes Berger Silk the best is its overall quality and attention to detail.

Its glossy after effect remains on your wall for years making it look freshly painted. Shine reacts with the light reflected on the wall and accentuates the size of your room.

Alongside Berger Silk their colour bank contains 1100 different shades to choose from. Each brand of paint is environmentally friendly. They are all lead free. Their ratio for volatile organic compounds which is known to be very harmful is extremely low.

So be wise and choose the right paint. And shade!

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