

HOW TO PAINT BARE WOOD

Adapted from an instructional video by Jenn Largesse.

What You Need

Paint • Spray Primer • Paint Brush or Roller Brush • Sandpaper Block or Automatic Sander • Dust Mask

Before You Begin ...



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Choose the Right Primer Tint

- Bright colors painted over a white primer will require fewer coats to achieve the final hue.
- Dark colors painted over a darkly-tinted primer will likewise require fewer coats.

Choose the Right Color Base

- Make sure to choose the right base paint for your desired color. An optimal color foundation is essential to achieving the right hue.
- Consult a paint expert to recommend the correct base for your paint color before tinting.

Step-By-Step Instructions

Sand the Surface

- In a well-ventilated space, use a sandpaper block or automatic sander to remove any coating from the surface of the lumber. This will open the grain of the wood, which will help the paint adhere to the bare wood surface.

Seal the Knots

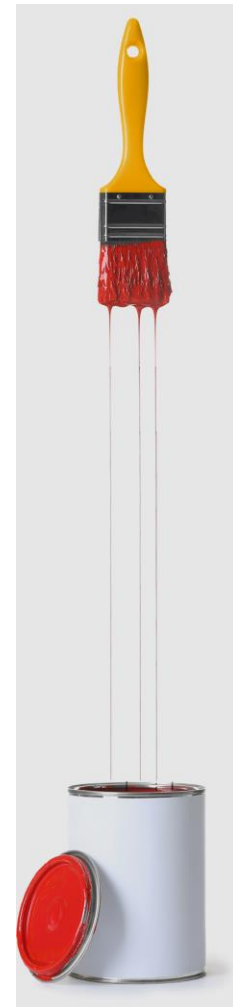
- Use a spray primer to cover and seal any knots on the surface of the wood.
Tip: While an oil-based, brush-on primer is also acceptable, using a spray-on primer will reduce the amount of time spent on clean-up.

Apply the Primer

- Apply a dedicated primer to the bare wood surface with a paint brush or roller brush. Allow the coat to dry.
Tip: A “paint and primer in one” product is not recommended. A dedicated primer typically has a higher concentration of solids which will fill the grain for a smoother top coat.
- Apply additional coats of primer as needed. Make sure the last coat is dry before applying another coat.
- Once dry, lightly sand the surface between coats to ensure an even color.

Apply the Base

- Apply the base paint over the dry primer with a paint brush or roller brush and allow it to dry.



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Process Flowchart

