



Do's and Don'ts

Do

1. Make sure surface is clean and dry.
2. Work new brushes back and forth across your fingers to remove loose bristles.
3. Follow instructions on the paint can for application.
4. Load the brush evenly and sufficiently by dipping it only halfway into the can and tapping it against the top edge of the can to remove any excess.
5. Apply paint evenly and fully with smooth, short strokes.
6. Paint from the top surface and work down to the bottom.
7. If painting timber, brush in the direction of the grain.

Don't

1. Don't stir the paint with a brush, use a stirring stick.
2. Don't let brushes soak in water, solvent or paint for prolonged periods of time. The brush will become floppy.
3. Don't use a large brush to paint small pipes or narrow strips as this will cause the brush to fishtail (split).



Painting check list

The most important thing to arm yourself with before you get started with your decorating plans is the right equipment.

At Bristol we have a complete selection of paint accessories and tools for every job. Our range will assist you in preparing a surface, painting or patching, no job is left untouched.

Our stores carry a large variety of brushes, rollers, scrapers, drop sheets, fillers and ladders - in fact everything you'll need to be a great home decorator.

Here's a handy checklist - have you got everything you need?



Gloves



Sandpaper and sanding block



Turps and thinners



Putty and gap fillers



Dustmask



Sugar soap



Paint roller, tray and extension handle



Masking tape



Brushes



Drop sheets



Prep paint products



Rags