



MAXIMIZING SHEEN UNIFORMITY WITH PAINTING OF NEW INTERIOR DRYWALL

A. Be Sure Drywall Joints are Thoroughly Cemented and Sanded

1. Check for dimples, craters, cracks, and fill as needed with joint compound
2. Make sure cemented joints are sanded even and flush; determine by viewing at a low angle with good illumination
3. Final sanding with *fine grit* sandpaper will help will ensure a smooth appearance if applying an eggshell or satin finish

B. Apply an Appropriate Primer

1. Use PVA latex drywall primer or a latex stain-blocking primer
2. Apply primer at a sufficiently low spread rate, as recommended by manufacturer; generally will not exceed 450 sq. ft./gallon

C. Apply a “Dead” Flat Latex Wall Paint; apply at manufacturer’s recommended spread rate because an adequately thick film is required for best sheen uniformity

D. When Rolling:

1. A quality synthetic roller cover will apply the paint more heavily and evenly than will an economy roller
2. Keep roller strokes as near vertical as possible, and avoid applying pressure
3. Keep the roller reasonably full of paint; a snapping sound means more paint is needed

E. When Spraying: Apply One Coat by Spray, a Second Coat by Roller; or Apply Two Coats by Spray and Immediately Back-Roll the Second Coat

1. Rolling (or back-rolling) the final coat will provide a more forgiving surface with respect to uniformity of appearance in the event there is unevenness in the surface being painted
2. Allow first coat to dry adequately (typically four hours or more) before applying second coat to avoid blistering and roller “picking”
3. The rolled surface will touch up less noticeably; facilitates touch-up, particularly by use of a small, short-nap roller
4. Makes touch-up more easily done, if needed, by the homeowner, reducing complaints and call-backs