

## TOOLS AND MATERIALS

## TOOLS

- Roller Brush
- Angled Paintbrush
- Precision Knife
- Sander
- Sandpaper
- Hammer
- Flat Head Screwdriver
- Sawhorse (2)

## MATERIALS

- Interior Door Paint
- Painter's Tape
- Tarp
- Clean Cloth
- Paint Tray
- Safety Glasses



## HOW TO PAINT INTERIOR DOORS

- You can use acrylic, water or oil-based paint for doors and trim. Choose from satin paint, high-gloss paint, or semi-gloss sheen paint. You can paint the door after removing it from the hinges.
- Doors should acclimate to the environment where they will be installed for a minimum of 48 hours under normal room temperature conditions (72 hours in extreme weather conditions). Avoid finishing immediately after rain or damp weather and during periods of higher-than-average humidity. In very dry conditions, the door should be finished right after the wrapping is removed. Ensure adequate air flow around all surfaces of the door when conditioning. Follow paint manufacturer's instructions noting both temperature and humidity recommendations.
- Molded panel doors and white flush doors are primed. If primer has been removed or damaged from any part of the door during shipping or handling, remove handling marks by lightly sanding before re-priming all areas where it is removed. If additional primer is used ensure the paint meets the desired finished door results. Follow the primer manufacturer's instructions for application. Ensure the primer is compatible with both the paint and primed door.
- Removing the door will give you better access to all the edges and surfaces of the door.

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## GETTING STARTED

Here are the steps explaining how to paint an interior door by laying it on a flat surface:

### Step 1: Prepare the Workspace

Remove any furniture or household items placed near the door. Clear the floor where you plan to paint the door. Now, lay a tarp in that space to avoid any paint stains on your floor. Place two sawhorses on this tarp to hold the door.

#### ⚠ CAUTION

Wear safety glasses when removing the door from the hinges.

### Step 2: Remove the Door

Locate the hinge pins connecting the door to the wall. Place a thin nail or a flat-tip screwdriver on the bottom of the hinge pin. Tap the nail or screwdriver with a hammer to push the hinge pin upwards. Once the pin has protruded enough, grab it with a pair of pliers and pull it out. Follow the same process to remove all other pins. Once all the pins are removed, slide out the door. The door could be heavy, so ask someone for help.

### Step 3: Prepare to Paint

Place the door on the two sawhorses in your workspace. Use a screwdriver to remove the hinges, doorknob and any other hardware.

### Step 4: Clean the Door

Sanding will leave small wood particles on the door. Clean the surface with a cloth or soft-bristle brush. You may also vacuum to remove the debris.

### Step 5: Paint the Edges

Pour a small amount of paint into a paint tray. Dip your angled brush or high-density foam roller into the paint. Start painting the edges of the door.



## **Step 6: Paint the Panels**

If your door has panels, start painting the edges of the panel first. After lining the edges with paint, proceed to paint the center of the panels. Follow it by painting the area between each of the panels.

## **Step 7: Paint the Front and Back**

If your door does not have panels, you can start by painting the front of the door. Allow the paint to dry. Turn the door and place it on the sawhorse. Now, paint the back of the door.

**Note:** *All six sides of the slab must be painted to be covered under warranty.*

## **Step 8: Paint the Door Casing**

You can paint the door casing while your freshly painted door is drying. Cover the wall right beside the casing with painter's tape. Use a small brush to paint along the casing. Allow the paint to dry off and remove the painter's tape from the wall.

## **Step 9: Let it Dry**

Allow the paint on the door to air dry. Check if you're satisfied with the paint finish. Apply a second coat of paint if needed. Let the paint dry completely.

## **Step 10: Attach the Hardware**

Use a screwdriver to fix the knob, hinges, handles and any other hardware to your door.

At this step, you can also choose to install new door hardware.

## **Step 11: Reinstall the Door**

Remove the door from the sawhorse and place it upright. Ask someone to help you reinstall the door. Lift the door and slide it back on the hinges attached to the door casing. Replace the hinge pins and hammer them back in place.