



DIY PREP GUIDE

Your DIY Interior Painting Supplies Checklist

Everything to have on hand before you start rolling



Painter's Tape

Blue or green tape for trim, ceilings, outlets, and switch plates – press the edge down firmly to stop paint bleed-through.



Drop Cloths

Canvas or plastic sheeting sized to cover your floors and any furniture that's staying in the room.



Angled Sash Brush

A 2–3 inch angled brush for cutting in corners, edges, and trim where a roller can't reach cleanly.



Roller Frame & Covers

A 9-inch frame plus covers matched to your wall texture – 3/8 inch nap works well for most smooth interior walls.



Paint Tray & Liners

A sturdy tray with disposable liners so cleanup is quick between coats and when switching colors.



Extension Pole

Lets you roll ceilings and tall walls evenly without constantly repositioning a ladder.



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☐ **Sturdy Ladder or Step Stool**

For ceilings, high walls, and stairwells – safer and steadier than stacking furniture to reach higher spots.



☐ **Spackle, Putty Knife & 5-in-1 Tool**

For filling nail holes and cracks, plus opening cans, scraping old paint, and general prep work.



☐ **Sandpaper (Medium & Fine Grit)**

Smooths patched areas and rough spots so the finished coat looks even, not lumpy, once it's dry.



☐ **Primer**

Needed over bare drywall, water stains, or major color changes – especially when going from dark to light.



☐ **Interior Paint (Plus 10% Extra)**

Use the Paint Estimator at eastdallaspainting.com to calculate how much you'll need, then add about 10% extra for future touch-ups.



☐ **Rags & Cleanup Supplies**

Microfiber cloths or rags for wiping drips, cleaning brushes, and general end-of-day cleanup.



☐ **Safety Gear**

Gloves, safety glasses, and a dust mask – especially useful while sanding or working with primer.

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