

PAINTING CLEAN-UP AND STORAGE

Top quality brushes and roller covers are a good investment and worth the effort to clean and store for next time. Clean your painting gear straight after use, otherwise you'll end up throwing them away and have to buy new items.

Brushes

- First wipe or scrape any excess paint off the bristles and the metal ferrule.
- Then rinse the brush – with Mineral Turps if you've been using oil based paint or with fresh water if you've been using a water based paint.
- Never use Hot water as this can loosen the bristles.
- Wash gently using a mild soap or dishwashing liquid solution, or alternatively a solution of fabric softener in water (a cap full to 2Litres of water).
- Rinse and repeat until there is no colour coming from the brush.
- Rinse once more in clean water and then shake off the excess.
- Gently comb the bristles and hand shape while still damp. The brush is now ready for storage.
- Either wrap the bristles in newspaper or return the brush to its storage pack. Store flat or hang the brush by the handle. Never rest a brush on its bristles as the weight will curl them.

Roller Covers

- Wipe or scrape off as much excess paint as possible. A wire Roller Cleaner is ideal for this.
- The simplest way to clean a roller is then to leave it on the frame and use a jet of water from a hose nozzle to rinse and spin the roller. This will throw the paint off with centrifugal force. However, this can be messy and you need a good area of lawn or similar. Obviously you can't use this method with oil based paints.
- There are cleaning devices available and these can work quite well.
- Otherwise, rinse and wash as for Brushes.
- Store the cleaned roller cover standing up so that the pile is not flattened.

Storing Paint

Left-over paint can be stored for quite a long time; the key is to keep the paint in a properly sealed container and away from excessive temperature swings. It is best if you can keep full containers with minimum air space above the paint.

- Often you will just want to put aside small containers of paint for touch-ups. Clean glass jars with tight fitting lids are ideal. Fill each container so there is not much air space at the top, cover the top with cling wrap, and label it with the colour & paint type.
- For larger quantities, the best option is to completely fill a jar or plastic container with the paint and label as above.
- To store in the can, clean the rim of the can carefully, cover the top with plastic cling wrap and fit the lid firmly. Hammer around the edge trying not to deform the lid – either place a block of wood on the edge of the lid and hammer the wood or use a rubber mallet. Then store the can upside down. If a solid skin forms it will be on the bottom of the paint.

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