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Adding paint to your walls can dramatically change the look and feel of your home. It is also an inexpensive way to transform an ordinary room into something extraordinary.

By choosing Caparol paints, you have already taken the first step in the right direction towards completing a gorgeous room. This project guide will walk you through the remaining steps needed for a great interior painting project.






STEP 1. Which sheen should I use.



You will be able to select the best sheen and gloss level for your project when knowing the characteristics and functions of each sheen.

	Flat	Low	Satin	Gloss
Sheen level	No sheen	Medium sheen	Medium to high sheen	High sheen
Traffic areas	Low traffic	Medium traffic	Medium to high traffic	High traffic
Living room	●			
Dining room	●			
Master bedroom	●			
Hallway	●	●		
Kitchen		●	●	●
Bathroom	●	●	●	●
Kid's bedroom	●	●	●	●
Doors			●	●
Woodwork			●	●
Trim			●	●

STEP 2. Which primer do I need.

Primer	Caparol AquaSperrgrund	Caparol Haftgrund	Caparol Holz-IsoGrund	Caparol Haftprimer	CapaSol LF
					
Interior Problems					
Pet stains, smoke stains, light water damage stains and odors	●				
Hide a previous paint color		●			
Painting over wallpaper		●			
Sealing bare wood			●		
Sealing porous plaster					●
Glossy surfaces: ceramic tiles, glass etc.	●				
Under dark or brilliant top coats		●			
Crayon, lipstick, grease, markers	●				
Previously painted wood				●	
New drywall		●			●
Concrete block		●			●



The primer provides a good surface for the paint by helping to even out the surface's porosity. In addition, it also helps to bring out the paint's true color. Some primers have specific formulas to address problems such as hard to hide colors, glossy surfaces and stains.

Using a high-quality Caparol primer ensures a durable, even finish with more accurate colors.

Use the handy guide above to choose the best Caparol primer for your project.

STEP 3. Which paint and lacquer do I need.

Room	Indeko-plus	CapaMaXX	Latex Samt 10	Latex Satin 20	Capalac PU Satin	Capalac PU Gloss
						
Sheen level	flat	flat	low	satin	satin	gloss
Living room	●	●				
Dining room	●	●				
Master bedroom	●	●				
Hallway	●	●	●			
Kitchen			●	●		
Bathroom	●		●	●		
Kid's bedroom	●	●				
Doors					●	●
Woodwork					●	●
Trim					●	●

STEP 4. How much paint do I need.

Use the following easy steps to determine the right amount of paint to purchase at your local Caparol dealer.



► **Walls:**

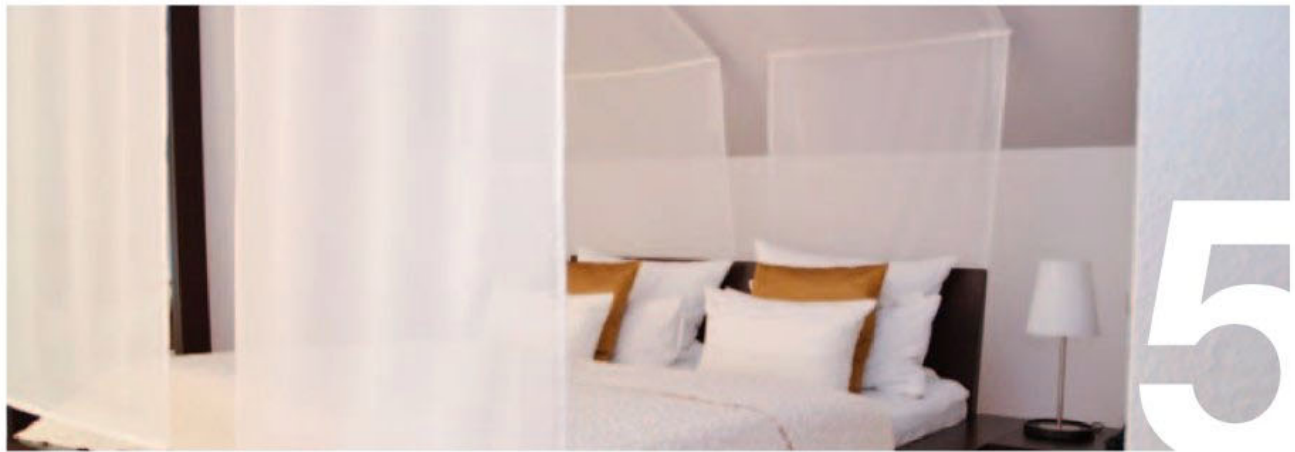
- Measure the perimeter of your room (length and width). Add all 4 numbers (for each wall) together.
- Multiply the perimeter by the height of the wall.
- Deduct windows and doors.
- Divide by 7 (one liter of paint covers about 7 square meter).

► **Ceiling:**

- Measure the length and width of the room and multiply both numbers with each other.
- Divide by 7 (one liter of paint covers about 7 square meter).

Always round up to ensure that you have enough paint to complete the job.

STEP 5. Mask and clean the room.



Take the time to mask your interiors thoroughly. Determine the order for painting the room. Paint last the areas that are likely to get dripped on. Prime (and paint) the ceilings first, walls second, and trim last.

Use painter's tape to protect door and window frames as well as moldings. Tape off electric fixture and TV fixture plates. Use small plastic bags to cover door knobs.

If you plan to prime the trim with a different tint than you will use on the walls, mask the trim first. Mask the top of the walls, if you are painting the ceilings; mask the ceiling and the trim, if you are starting with the walls. Cover furniture and floors with drop cloths.

► Use painter's tape and drop cloth to mask off any area not being painted.

▼ It is essential that the surface to be painted is clean and dry.



▲ Use painter's tape to protect the trim.



▲ Use painter's tape to protect the door frames.



▲ Cover the floor properly in order to avoid stains.



▲ **Removal of dirt, dust and grease:** Clean surface with a cleaner such as household detergent and rinse thoroughly.

STEP 6. Prepare the surface.



Proper surface preparation is just as crucial as proper painting practices. The great majority of paint failures are attributed to inadequate surface preparation.

- ▶ Be sure to repair any surface imperfections.



- ▲ **Gaps and seams:**
Fill all cracks and seams with paintable acrylic caulk. Prime the area.
- Holes:**
Fill all holes with patching compound.



- ▲ **Peeling paint:**
Scrape or sand any peeling paint. Feather sand to a smooth edge and remove dust. Prime the area.
- Glossy surfaces:**
Dull glossy surfaces with a liquid de-glosser or sandpaper to promote adhesion.



- ▲ Prime the surface.



- ▲ Sand the area.

STEP 7. It is time to paint.



- ▼ Stir the paint thoroughly.



- ▲ Use a wooden tool to stir the paint.

- ▼ Prime the roller.



- ▲ "Prime" the roller before you put it in the primer or paint.
- ▲ Run the roller over the paint grid to get an even amount of primer on the roller cover.

- ▼ Start with the ceiling.



- ▲ a. Brush a 5 cm border.
- ▲ b. Begin in a corner and roll across the ceiling in 1 m sections.
- ▲ c. Finish with long, even roller strokes across the entire ceiling.
- ▲ Use an extension pole to paint the ceiling.

- ▼ Prime the area to promote hide and adhesion.



- ▲ Use a roller or a brush to prime the wall.

STEP 7.1. It is time to paint.



▼ Paint the walls next.



- ▲ a. Paint only one wall at a time.
- b. Brush a 5 cm border around the ceiling, floor, trim and corners.
- c. Always maintain a wet edge.

▼ Working in a 1 m x 1 m area, roll a large "M" onto the surface.



- ▲ a. Fill in the "M".
- b. Work horizontally across the room, moving from side to side.
- c. Continue pattern across the wall.

▼ Remove the masking from the walls.



- ▲ Allow the paint to dry thoroughly.

▼ Paint the trim.



- ▲ a. Use a 1,5 cm – 3 cm brush for sashes, moldings and woodwork
- b. Leave wooden windows open one hour to prevent sticking to newly painted sills.



STEP 8. Cleanup and disposal.

Caparol paints exceed all clean air standards, making them safe for you and your family. Our low odor paints make it easy to put your room back into use as soon as the paint is dry. Just go ahead and remove the painter's tape, re-install electrical covers and enjoy your fresh, new room.

Now that the painting is done, proper cleanup and disposal is an important part of any painting project.

Hang clean brushes by the handle so proper shape of the bristles will be maintained.

Do not throw liquid paint away in the trash.



▲ Clean paint from brushes and rollers using detergent and water. Use a brush comb and cleaner tool (available at your painter store) to remove dried and excess paint from the brush and roller.



▲ Put the wet roller into a plastic bag if you want to continue the next day.

Pro Tips.

It is hard for a dry roller to absorb primer or paint, so "prime" the roller before you put it in the primer or paint. If the primer is latex, spritz the roller with a garden mister and squeeze off the excess water.

Run the roller over the paint grid or roller pan several times to get an even amount of primer on the roller cover.

Careful masking at each stage will allow you to work quickly and freely, saving time in the long run.

"Lapping" occurs where wet and dry surfaces overlap when applying paint with a roller. The surface will appear denser in color and higher in gloss in the areas where this occurs.

Maintain a wet edge by working in small sections.

Do not stop in the middle of the wall. Stop only at natural breaks, such as windows or corners.

Put a dab color on the outside of the paint can to easily identify the color if future touch-ups are needed.

Still have some paint leftover now that your project is complete? Here are some handy suggestions:

- Be sure to save a small amount for touch-ups.
- Save to use on upcoming craft projects.
- Donate to local schools and community groups.



▲ Make sure that enough paint is on the roller.

▲ Avoid applying a wet finish over areas that are already dry.



▲ Remove small stains with a wet cloth when paint is still wet.





Material Checklist.

Preparation:

- Primer
- Putty knife
- Sandpaper
- Nail hole filler
- Painter's tape
- Drop cloth

Trim:

- Angle brush
(4 cm – 7 cm width)
- Flat brush
(3 cm – 5 cm width)
- Edger
- Roller and frame

Paint:

- Primer
- Paint
- 25 cm width roller cover
- 25 cm roller frame
- Tray
- Extension pole

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