

How to Properly Paint Bare Wood SOP

Intro:

This guide will help you paint bare wood from start to finish to achieve the color and quality you want while saving time and money.

Step 1: Sand the Surface

- Sand the surface of wood to remove previous varnishes or protective coatings applied to raw lumber. Sanding helps open grains to help with adhesion of paint to wood.
-Note: Use 120-150 grit sandpaper to start on raw wood and work up to 220 grit or finer for smooth finishing.

Step 2: Seal the Knots

- Stains found within knots can bleed through paint and need to be sealed with a primer.
-Note: Spray primer gives the benefits of sealing with an oil based product without the cleanup.

Step 3: Apply Tinted Primer

- Bright colored top coats painted over primer will achieve a brighter hue using fewer coats of paint.
-Note: Use a custom tinted primer for dark colors.
-A paint professional can help you select the correct primer for the paint you are planning to use. Use a dedicated primer as opposed to a paint and primer combo to prepare the surface for painting.
-Note: Dedicated primer better fills wood grain for a smoother top coat
-Bare wood will soak up paint so it is normal for the first few coats to look uneven.
- Put your brush in the primer and apply a base coat evenly over the bare wood.

Step 4: Smooth the Surface

- Once applied primer is dry, lightly sand between coats and repeat. Apply until desired color and texture are met.
-Note: Sanding between coats eliminates the grain that arises due to moisture.
- Let primer dry before applying the base color.

Step 5: Apply Base Color

- Ask your paint professional to recommend the correct base for your paint before tinting
-Note: This will give your color the foundation it needs to achieve the desired hue
- Apply paint to the prepared wood with several coats until desired color and texture are met.

Step 6: Dry and Enjoy

- Allow paint to dry and admire your freshly painted wood.

