

ABCs of Brush Care

Latex & Water Based Paints

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BEFORE YOU PAINT

- Rinse brush in warm water
- Use a brush comb while rinsing to help remove any loose filaments or any dust/debris that may have settled on the brush. (fig. 1)
- Remove excess water. The best way to do this is with a brush and roller spinner. This one-time investment makes prepping and cleaning brushes and roller covers much easier and greatly improves the performance and longevity of your applicator. (fig. 2)



TIP

Prepping your brush as described above can help give you a cleaner finish as well as help the tool load paint more quickly and evenly from the first dip.



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WHILE YOU PAINT

- About once every hour, use your brush comb to clean out the excess paint that has traveled up the brush towards the ferrule (metal band) and handle. Keeping this to a minimum will help the brush perform better during the course of the job and make clean up much easier.
- If you're going to take a break longer than a few minutes, wrap your brush in plastic wrap. This will keep the paint wet while you're away.

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AFTER YOU PAINT

- If you used latex (or water-based) paints, immediately after painting take your brush, brush comb and liquid dish-washing soap to the sink. Rinse the brush thoroughly in warm (not hot) water, using the brush comb to help remove the excess paint. (fig. 3)
- Work a small amount of dish-washing soap thru the bristles, using your fingers to remove any dried paint from the outsides of the brush.
- Rinse thoroughly again using the brush comb to make sure all paint and soap are clean out of the brush, and then remove the excess moisture (preferably with the brush and roller spinner).
- Reshape the brush while the bristles are still damp and hang to dry. Once dry, replace in the original package to protect it and keep its shape. (fig. 4)

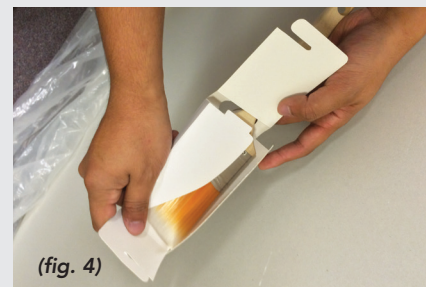


TIP

You can paint out excess paint on a piece of scrap before starting the clean up process.

TIP

When cleaning up, start the brush comb as close to the metal ferrule as possible so you are removing all the paint from the interior of the brush.



ABCs of Roller Cover Care

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BEFORE YOU PAINT

- Rinse roller cover in warm water. (fig. 1)
- Use your hands while rinsing to work water thru the fabric and help remove any dust and debris that may have settled on the roller cover. This will also help reduce shedding from knit roller covers.
- Remove excess water. The best way to do this is with a brush and roller spinner. This one-time investment makes prepping and cleaning brushes and roller covers much easier and greatly improves the performance and longevity of your applicator. (fig. 2)

TIP

Prepping your roller cover as described above can help give you a cleaner finish as well as help the tool load paint more quickly and evenly from the first dip.



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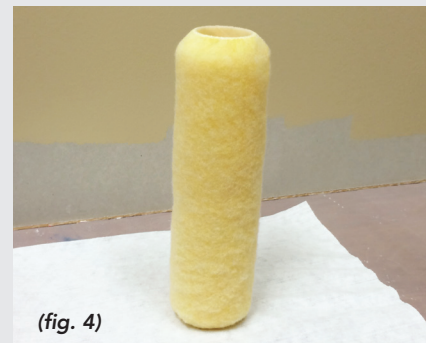
WHILE YOU PAINT

- If you're going to take a break longer than a few minutes, wrap your roller cover in plastic wrap. Make sure the ends are closed so no air is getting to the roller. This will keep the paint wet while you're away.

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AFTER YOU PAINT

- If you used latex (or water-based) paints, immediately after finishing paint out your roller cover as dry as possible on a piece of scrap to remove excess paint.
- Take your roller cover and liquid dish-washing soap to the sink. Rinse the roller cover thoroughly in warm (not hot) water, using your hands to help "squeeze" out the excess paint. (fig. 3)
- Work a small amount of dish-washing soap thru the fabric, using your fingers to remove any paint around the edges of the roller core.
- Rinse thoroughly again using your hands to make sure all paint and soap are clean out of the roller cover, and then remove the excess moisture (preferably with the brush and roller spinner).
- Stand the roller cover on a flat surface with a paper towel underneath to dry. Once dry, replace in the original package to protect it and keep its shape. (fig. 4)



TIP

You can paint out excess paint on a piece of scrap before starting the clean up process.