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2025 trends

Every paint manufacturer chooses their own colour of the year and 2025 is no exception. Chosen colours range from dark to light, bold to neutral, loud to quiet. What becomes a trend will depend on what consumers choose as their favourite. When you go to choose paint colours for your home, choose a colour that aligns with your unique style. If your favourite colour is green, do your homework and see how green is being used in interior design. Trends can dictate how dark or muted a colour can be. For the last couple years, rich jewel tones have been showing up in entire rooms and not just as a feature wall. If you prefer neutral colours, soft white, grey and beige are still on trend and continue to be popular with homeowners. Whatever your colour vision is and if you're painting a single room or the entire house, you will find a 2025 trend colour that makes your style come together in a beautiful new way.

Talk to the Paint Specialists at TIMBER MART about all the variables of your particular paint project. We'll answer your questions and guide you to the perfect paint colour to reflect your style.



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Make a statement with bold colour on every wall for a dramatic result.



If you like bold colour but not too much, try limiting your inspiration colour to an one wall.



If you find bold colour hard to live with, perhaps limit it to accessories and go for a complementary neutral palette.

Inspired colour

Discovering paint colour for your home is as easy as looking around you. You have already made colour choices in your home. Look to your furniture and decor colours and start your colour search there. Choose a specific colour in a toss cushion or the colour in a favourite serving plate. Once you know your colour direction, decide how light or how dark you want to go with that colour. And how much of it you want to use. Do you want your chosen colour on every wall or only used as an accessory colour? Or somewhere in between? Pick up some paint chips from your local TIMBER MART and see how those colours work in your space. Check the chip colours at various times of the day as the light changes. If you have a very specific colour you want to use, it can be easily colour matched by a TIMBER MART Paint Specialist. Once you have selected your paint colour, measure your room and we can help you calculate paint quantities for your paint project.



2025
Sico colour
of the year

Starry Night



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Van Gogh's Iris
6044-63

Church at Auvers
6044-73

Starry Night
6044-83

SICO's Starry Night (6044-83) is a deep, bold purple inspired by the rich undertones of the night sky and purple basil. Click the link below for more information on Starry Night and Sico's other 2025 trending paint colours.



Sico 2025 paint
colour of the year

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Paint right

Painting flat over semi-gloss

Semi-gloss paint repels water for ease of cleaning so covering it with a flatter sheen of paint can be tricky to get it to adhere. Start by roughing up the semi-gloss surface to give it some texture or “tooth”. Do this by lightly sanding the entire wall surface using very little pressure. You are just lightly scratching it up. Wipe off all wall dust with a damp cloth and a tack cloth. Then apply a coat of good quality primer. The primer will stick to your scratched up wall, then the flat paint will stick to the primer. There are some flat paints that include primer mixed in with the paint, follow the manufacturer directions on coverage over a semi-gloss surface or talk to your TIMBER MART Paint Specialist to see if you can skip the primer step. If you do apply a coat of primer, wait for the primer to dry for a day and then apply the first coat of flat paint. Generally, when you go from one sheen to another, you may have to prime. That can be an entire coat of primer or using a paint that includes primer. Talk to a TIMBER MART Paint Specialist before you start your paint project. We can give you the correct advice for a perfect finished paint result.

The oil paint test

If you are painting an older home and don't know what kind of paint is on your walls and trim, there is a chance it could be oil paint. Today oil-based paints are rarely used so the paint you are purchasing will most likely be water-based latex. Painting latex paint over oil paint (also called alkyd paint) will end in a cracking and peeling disaster. To avoid this, test your walls to see if you need to use a primer to cover the oil before your latex top coat. Dip a cotton ball into a small amount of denatured alcohol and rub it over a small surface area. If the paint does NOT come off, it is oil-based paint and you will need to prime before applying latex paint. If the paint comes off, it is a latex-based paint and you can proceed by painting over the surface with any type of paint.



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Are feature walls still a thing?

Feature or accent walls have been popular for several years and some people wonder if their time as a fleeting trend is over or have they transcended to classic design. The answer isn't straightforwardly clear. Some experts say they are definitely out for 2025 but nothing done well is ever really out. Feature walls are not a single look and continue to evolve and change. Recently, feature walls have become more architectural with the texture of moulding or shiplap or in the form of exposed brick. They are a way of adding a bold feature to a room without overwhelming it. They are also a way to add inexpensive and easy-to-change colour to an otherwise neutrally toned room. Feature walls continue to be a favourite among homeowners and because people are finding new and creative ways to use them, they will be around for a while.



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Colours that go well with wood

If you think of wood tones as a colour, there are colour pairings that complement wood's natural warm tones. Whether you have a prized piece of wood furniture or wooden architectural details in your home, there is a paint colour that will bring out their natural beauty. Click the link below to see Sico paint's three colour combinations that highlight wood and will give your room a whole new look.



 3 colour schemes for decorating with wood





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How to.. paint kitchen cabinets

A budget-friendly way to change the look of your kitchen is with a coat of paint on your existing cabinets. Keep in mind that this change takes a lot of work and can disrupt your kitchen for a couple of weeks. Careful preparation is super important for a professional looking finish. Follow these steps and don't hesitate to consult with a TIMBER MART Paint Specialist if you have questions.

Cabinet material Wood or MDF cabinets can be painted with no issues. Cabinets covered in plastic laminate or rigid thermofoil with a glossy surface are not good candidates.

Prep the surface Start with a thorough cleaning with soap and water to remove dried food and grime. Next, clean your cabinet doors and cabinet frames with TSP on every finished side. Tri-sodium phosphate (TSP) is an industrial degreaser and will remove built-up cooking grease. Even if you think your cabinets are clean, wipe them down with TSP. Failing to de-grease your cabinets will result in paint not sticking to the surface.

Repair Use wood filler to repair any cracks or chips. If you are replacing your old knobs and hinges with new hardware with different hole patterns, now is the time to fill the old holes.

Sand Sand any wood filler repairs with medium grit sandpaper and finish with fine grit sand paper. Next, scuff up every finished surface with medium grit sandpaper. The goal is to take the shine off so that the primer sticks better. Once sanding is finished, vacuum every surface and use a damp microfibre cloth to remove any remaining dust.

Remove doors and drawers For best results, remove the cabinet doors and drawers and work on them in a separate area. Some people like to remove the doors and drawers at the very beginning but it is easier to leave everything in place until you are ready to apply primer. Number your doors and drawers to they go back to the same spot when done.

Painter's tape Mask off areas around the cabinet frames that you don't want to paint. Use a good painter's tape so you don't have paint seepage.

Prime Don't skip this step. A good primer will make for better paint adhesion and a more professional finish. Use a good quality brush to get into corners and detailed areas. Use a mini sponge roller for large areas. On the cabinet frames, work from the inside out. For the doors, let one side completely dry before you paint the other side. Remember, primer doesn't have to look perfect but it should be applied smoothly.

Sand again After the primer dries, lightly sand away bumps and ridges using very fine grit sandpaper. Vacuum surface and wipe down with damp microfibre cloth.

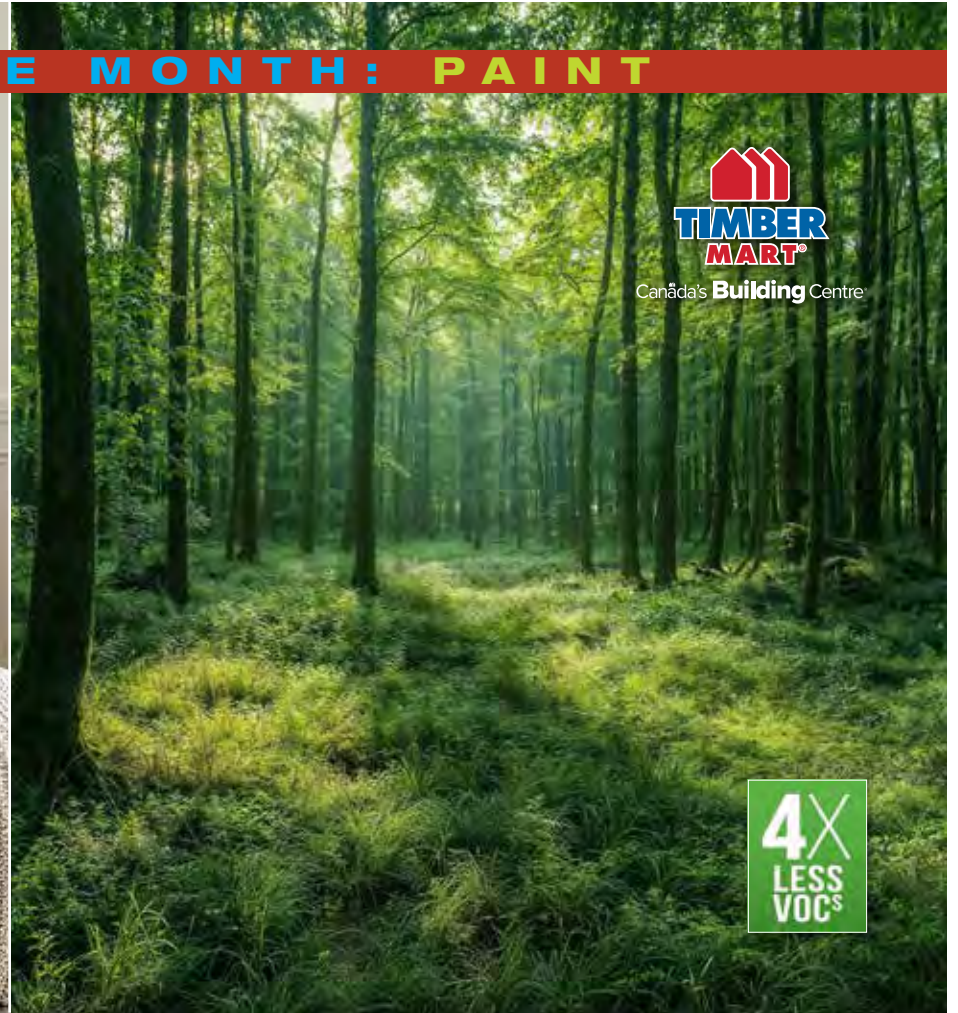
First coat of paint Apply paint the same way as the primer. Use a good quality brush and a sponge roller or a paint sprayer. For the doors, paint the backs first and when dry, flip over and paint the fronts. Be sure to wait at least 24 hours before you flip the cabinet doors. Do not rush and let the paint completely cure. Go by the manufacturer recommendations for recoat time.

Sand one more time After the paint dries, lightly sand away bumps and ridges using very fine grit sandpaper. Vacuum surface and wipe down with damp microfibre cloth.

Second coat of paint Apply second coat of paint the same way you applied the first coat and let completely dry.

Reassemble cabinets Wait at least 24 hours before reinstalling the cabinet doors and drawers. If possible, wait several days so the paint has a chance to cure and harden and can't be smudged. Once everything is back in place, it will take about a month for the paint to completely cure. The curing time will be listed on the paint label.

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Eco-friendly Boomerang recycled paint

100% acrylic latex ready-to-paint velvet and pearl finishes

Boomerang 100% acrylic latex recycled paint is an innovative product that does not compromise on style, quality and eco-responsibility. It can be used in most rooms of the house, on walls and ceilings. Choose from 15 pre-tinted interior paint colours in ready-to-paint velvet or pearl finish. Boomerang velvet paint is perfect for enhancing colours and for rooms where you want to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The pearl finish is ideal for areas where there is more traffic and contact. The colour selection in the Boomerang interior paint collection is also ideal for highlighting finishing details, such as mouldings and doors. Create a beautiful and sustainable interior that is easy on the budget.

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When to use primer

The purpose of primer is to prepare the surface for the top coat of paint. It's an important step in your paint project and will ensure a professional looking finish that will last. A primer often isn't necessary but if you have any of the issues listed below, then one or two coats of primer are recommended for a successful result.

Bare drywall The face paper on drywall is porous and so is drywall compound. Use specific drywall primer to seal the porous surface before the first coat of paint.

Sealing porous surfaces Other porous surfaces requiring primer include bare wood and masonry. It's recommended to use a specific primer engineered for that particular surface.

Cover stains A coat of primer will ensure coverage of stains so you won't see them through the top coat of paint. Tough stains, like smoke or water stains, will need a heavy duty stain blocking primer to conceal them.

Wood knots Wood tannins are released from wood knots and can bleed through to the surface resulting in unsightly brown or yellow circular stains. Use a shellac-based stain blocker to prevent this.

Painting over dark colours Using a primer over dark colours will make it easier for the lighter coloured paint to cover the dark colour. Primer is usually white but you can have it tinted the same colour as the paint to reduce the number of coats needed.

Glossy paint Using a primer will help paint stick to glossy surfaces. It's recommended to also scuff up the glossy sheen before you apply primer.



Types of primers

Water-based Also called latex, these primers are the most common and are used for the majority of interior paint projects. There are latex primers specially formulated for covering tough stains, glossy paint and oil-based paint. All latex primers are easy to clean up with soap and water.

Self-priming paint Latex paint-and-primer-in-one is essentially a paint that is thicker than regular paint. Use this if your walls are in good condition. If you have any issues with your walls, it's preferable to use a separate primer. Because this paint is thicker, it takes longer to dry. Clean up with soap and water.

Oil-based Very effective in blocking stains from showing through the top coat of paint. Can be used on variety of surfaces including galvanized metal and bare wood. Note that they are slow-drying and can release VOCs. Clean up with paint thinner.

Shellac This primer is for coverage of serious stains, smoke damage, smells and to seal wood knots. They contain VOCs so the area will need to be well ventilated. Follow manufacturer clean up instructions, usually with ammonia or denatured alcohol.

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Renew with spray paint

A fresh coat of Rust-Oleum spray paint is a great way to make something old and tired look new again. No matter what the material, from ceramic and plastic to metal and masonry, there's a spray paint specifically designed for that surface. Rust-Oleum spray paints are convenient and available in a wide variety of colours. They are fast-drying and leave a smooth surface with no brush strokes. Care should be given when applying spray paint, which looks deceptively easy. Follow the instructions on the can and click the link below to learn the proper way to apply spray paint.



[How to use spray paint from the experts at Rust-Oleum](#)

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10 tips to keep your paint project neat and tidy

Painting is an easy DIY project but the process of preparation, applying and cleaning can be messy and tedious. Use these handy tips to keep your workspace organized and orderly.

1 Prepare workspace

Before you start your paint project, take the time to clear out small furniture and move large furniture to the middle of the room. Cover light fixtures and mask off everything that you don't want painted. The goal is to have a clear path along the room perimeter that will allow you to easily move from wall to wall without having to stop.

2 Make a plan

If you are painting the ceiling, start there and completely finish that job before continuing. Then paint the trim with the first coat of paint. Next paint the edges and corners of the walls followed by the large wall area. Repeat the process with the second coat of wall paint. As you move around the room, move the paint tray so you have easy access.

3 Drop cloths

Use large drop cloths if you are painting the ceiling and make sure everything is covered to prevent paint splatter. Use narrow drop cloths 3-4 feet wide for painting walls. The smaller width is easier to move around the room and will be less of a tripping hazard. Use plastic drop cloths to cover furniture and canvas for the floor.

4 Paint brush duster

Paint brushes will eventually wear out no matter how good you clean them. An old paint brush that is no longer good enough for painting makes a great duster. Use them for removing dust from the tops of doors, window trim and on any nooks and crannies. Use a large brush for large areas and a small brush for detail work.

5 Wear a rag

Tuck the end of a clean rag into your belt or waistband and use it on the go to keep your hands clean. You can work very carefully and you'll still have a few paint drips to deal with. Keeping a rag on your person allows you to clean up immediately instead of stopping to get a rag or leaving it until later and then forgetting about it.

6 Keep a garbage bag close

It's surprising how much trash there is for a painting job. Having a garbage bag in the room allows you to have somewhere in the immediate vicinity to put big wads of masking tape covered in wet paint. Hang the garbage bag on a doorknob or use a portable bag holder.

7 Apply lotion

To avoid scrubbing your skin to remove paint, generously apply body lotion to exposed skin before you start painting. The oil in the lotion creates a barrier that allows paint splatters and drips to rinse off easily. This is especially important when painting ceilings where paint tends to splatter on your face as you are looking up.

8 Keep the can neat

Constantly pouring paint from the paint can into a roller tray can make a big mess as paint drips down the side of the can. After you've finished pouring, use your brush to wipe off the side of the can and clean out the rim. Also, put a paper plate or foil tray under the can to catch any drips you missed.

9 Between coats

If you will be painting again within 24 hours, don't wash out your brushes, roller or paint tray. Wrap them tightly in plastic wrap and make sure there is no air trapped. For the paint tray, cover the entire surface of the paint and up the sides of the tray. Place the brushes, roller and paint tray in a garbage bag and twist the opening so it's completely closed.

10 Take frequent clean-up breaks

Take the time to clean up as you go. If you have finished with spackle and sandpaper, put them away. As you finish a wall, go back and clean up any drips before you move onto the next wall. If you spill paint on the drop cloth, wipe it up before you step in it and your shoes spread it everywhere.


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How to choose the right putty knife

Selecting the right putty knife for applying spackle is key to achieve a smooth wall surface. Consider the factors below when choosing a putty knife for your job.

Blade material Just doing a quick one-time job, pick up a TASK plastic putty knife. Working on a more extensive project, choose from TASK's tensile strength carbon steel collection.

Blade width Wider blades cover larger areas quickly, while narrower blades offer precision in detailed work. Make a starter kit with a smaller 1-2" scraper blade, a medium 4-6" flexible knife and a handy TASK 10-in-1 combo tool.

Flexibility Include a smaller stiff blade for scraping and a larger flexible blade for spreading in your collection.

Handle A well-designed handle can reduce hand fatigue and improve control. TASK carries three handle styles: solvent resistant no-slip FlexFit, durable nylon, and budget friendly, lightweight plastic.



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Before you paint Make the wall surface perfect in 4 steps

Achieve professional results on your next paint project! Follow these four simple wall preparation steps and use quality TASK paint and drywall tools for flawless results.

- 1 Clean and scrub** Remove dust, grease, and debris on all surfaces.
- 2 Find and putty flaws** Check for areas that need repairing by holding a light at an angle on the wall to see divots, pops and bumps.
- 3 Sand to a smooth finish** Use 80-100 grit course paper for removing old paint or sanding down large imperfections. 120-150 grit is best for blending repairs and smoothing out spackle. For the final pass and ultra smooth finish use 180-220 fine grit paper. A sanding pole with pad is helpful for large areas, and we have a wide array of sanding sponges for smaller areas. Check out TASK's new line of eco-friendly solvent-free sponges. **Pro tip:** Keep the dust in your workspace, pick up a TASK QSR Dust Containment Kit for doorways and a roll of poly sheeting to cover surfaces.
- 4 Prime** Depending on the type of paint and the extent of your repairs, priming your walls can ensure smoother application and better adhesion as well as help paint bond to your perfectly prepped surface.



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TIMBER MART home plan: TBM981 **Small home, big style**

Delightfully appointed, one storey dwelling, with elegant board & batten facade on the exterior of the bay area. Private sleeping areas from the shared living spaces include the large master bedroom, spacious secondary bedroom, and a bath/laundry. Gracious open concept shared living space features a large kitchen island.

Main floor: Recessed entry into open concept 14' x 14' living area, with 9'-6" x 11'-8" dining, and 9' x 11'-8" kitchen featuring an 8' island at the rear with access to the exterior. Includes 11'-8" x 12' master bedroom, 11'-8" x 10' secondary bedroom, and a standard bath with stack laundry.



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What to look for in a paint sprayer

Paint sprayers are a time saver especially if you have a lot of surface to cover. Finding the right sprayer for your particular project can seem overwhelming. Read on for important features to consider from the paint sprayer experts at Wagner.

Adjustable models Sprayers can offer adjustable settings to suit project size, material compatibility, and spraying speed. Some of these settings include: flow control, pattern control, pump or turbine speed, interchangeable spray tips.

Power level Sprayers have varying power levels which will allow them to spray thicker/thinner materials at different rates of speed.

Power option Paint sprayers can be powered in different ways, including: cordless/battery, electric and gas.

Style of sprayer A direct feed sprayer pulls material directly from a 1 or 5 gallon paint container. Pressure fed cup pulls paint from a cup attached to the sprayer and a hopper sprayer pulls paint from the hopper through the hose to the gun

Portability Depending on your project, you might want the weight of the sprayer stationary on the ground, in your hand with a handheld, or on wheels in a cart design.

Cleaning Finally, all sprayers will need to be cleaned after use. Some are more complex than others depending on the amount of parts that need to be cleaned.

TIMBER MART carries a variety of Wagner paint sprayers, either in-stock or special order. Talk to one of our Paint Specialists for advice on the right paint sprayer for your paint project.



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