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## Introduction: Why This Guide Exists

Painting your home should feel empowering — not frustrating.

But too many homeowners waste time and money on the wrong tools, bad techniques, or paint jobs that don't last. After more than 34 years in the painting trade, I've seen every mistake — and fixed them all.

This guide exists to help you skip the frustration and get **clean, professional-level results**, without hiring a contractor.

Whether you're painting one room or the whole house, you'll have a system that works — every time

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# SAFETY FIRST




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## Final Word on Safety:

**A pro finish means nothing if you get hurt along the way. Protect yourself, slow down when on ladders, and always put safety first.**

## Who's This Guide Is For

This guide is built for:

- DIY homeowners
- Renters who want their space to feel fresh
- House flippers or landlords
- Anyone tired of sloppy brush marks, uneven coverage, or paint that peels

You don't need to be "good at painting." You just need a pro-level system — and now you have it.

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## What You'll Learn

- The exact **tools pros use** (and where to buy them)
- How to **cut in** clean, razor-sharp lines
- How to **roll walls** for smooth, even coats
- The right **paint types and finishes** for every room
- How to **fix common mistakes** like lap marks, peeling, and brush strokes

- When to prime, how to touch up, and how to repaint for years of lasting results

### **About the Author**

Brad Revie is a professional painter with 34 years of industry experience. He's dedicated to teaching DIY homeowners how to paint with precision, efficiency, and the confidence that only professional techniques can offer.

Through this eBook and his growing Tik Toc and YouTube channel, Brad is dedicated to helping DIY homeowners achieve flawless, professional-quality paint jobs—without the frustration or costly mistakes.

Want to see these techniques in action? Follow on Tik Toc [@Pro.painter6](#) Subscribe to [ProPainter-h3g](#) on YouTube for step-by-step tutorials, pro tips, and more!



# **Pro Painter6™ Standards & Language**

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## **Why This Matters**

Painting is not just about tools, products, or technique.

It's about standards.

Over decades in the trade, I was taught that the difference between an average painter and a professional isn't speed—it's mindset, discipline, and ownership.

The following principles and phrases are part of the Pro Painter6™ Standard.

These are not suggestions.

These are the expectations.



## Core Standards (Non-Negotiable)

### 1. Make It Right

If it's not right, you don't walk away.

There were many times early in my career where I failed at a task—more than once. Sometimes five or more attempts. But quitting was never an option.

You stay with it until it meets the standard.

👉 We don't stop at failure. We stop when it's right.

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### 2. If You Touch It, You Own It

The moment you put your hands on something, it becomes your responsibility.

No passing blame.

No shortcuts.

No “good enough.”

Ownership builds reputation.

👉 If you touch it—you own it.

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### 3. Evaluate → Correct → Apply → Inspect

This is the professional workflow.

- Evaluate the surface
- Correct any issues

- Apply your system properly
- Inspect your work before calling it complete

Skipping steps leads to failure.

Following this sequence builds consistency.

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## Field Language (Real-World Communication)

In the trades, communication happens fast. The best crews develop short, repeatable language that carries meaning.

These phrases aren't just words—they represent decisions.

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### “Gonna have to Schwale it.”

This means:

👉 Repair the damaged area and blend it into the existing finish

👉 Not a full repaint

Used when:

- Matching existing finishes
  - Spot repairs
  - Budget or scope limits require blending
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### “Make it right.”

Simple, but absolute.

No debate. No explanation needed.

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## Work Ethic Standard

Professional painting requires persistence.

There will be times when:

- The cut line won't lay down right
- The repair flashes
- The finish isn't acceptable

That's part of the trade.

The difference is what you do next.

👉 You don't move on.

👉 You don't cover it up.

👉 You fix it.

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## The Pro Painter6™ Standard

At the end of the day, this is what it comes down to:

- Take ownership

- Follow the process
  - Refuse to leave substandard work
  - Build your reputation one job at a time
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## **Final Thought**

Anyone can put paint on a wall.

Not everyone can be trusted to do it right.

That trust is built through standards—not shortcuts.

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# How to Paint Like a Pro

## TOOLS & MATERIALS MASTER LIST

### BRUSHES



2.5" ANGLED SASH BRUSH



DETAIL BRUSH

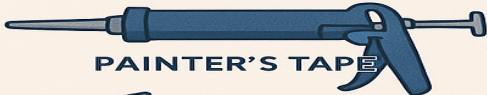


OLD UTILITY BRUSH

### PREP TOOLS



PUTTY KNIFE



PAINTER'S TAPE



CAULKING GUN



DROP CLOTH



9" ROLLER



18" WIDE ROLLER + BUCKET



MINI ROLLER



EXTENSION POLE



### CLEANING SUPPLIES



CLEANSER



SPONGE



RAGS

## Chapter 1: Tools & Materials Master List

*Pro painters don't use random supplies from the hardware store aisle — we use tools that work better, last longer, and save time.*

Here's what you need to paint like a pro:

### Brushes

Tool	Why It Matters
2.5" Angled Sash Brush (Nylon/Poly)	Perfect for cutting in clean ceiling lines and corners
1.5" Detail Brush	Great for trim, narrow edges, and windows
Old Utility Brush	For cleaning and dusting corners before painting

### Rollers & Accessories

Tool	Why It Matters
9" Roller Frame + $\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ " Nap Cover	Standard for walls — $\frac{3}{8}$ " for smooth walls, $\frac{1}{2}$ " for textured
18" Wooster Wide Boy Roller + Bucket	Covers large areas fast — used by pros on ceilings and walls
Mini Roller (4" or 6")	Ideal for doors, trim, and small areas
Extension Pole	Lets you roll walls and ceilings without a ladder

### Prep Tools

Tool	Why It Matters
Spackle & Putty Knife	Fills holes and imperfections before painting

120–220 Grit Sandpaper or Sanding Sponge	Smooths walls and patch spots
Painter's Tape	Protects baseboards, trim, and edges
Caulking Gun + Paintable Caulk	Seals cracks in trim and corners for a flawless finish
Drop Cloths or Plastic Sheeting	Protects floors and furniture

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### **Cleaning Supplies**

<b>Tool</b>	<b>Why It Matters</b>
TSP Substitute or Degreaser	Cleans walls before painting — crucial in kitchens/bathrooms
Rags or Tack Cloth	Wipe away dust after sanding
Bucket of Warm Water + Sponge	Final wipe-down before painting

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### **Specialty Pro Tools (Optional but Recommended)**

<b>Tool</b>	<b>Why Pros Use It</b>
Handy Paint Pail w/ Magnetic Brush Holder	Saves time while cutting in
Roller Spinner (like Spin Out)	Cleans rollers for reuse in seconds
Zinsser Paper Tiger	Perforates wallpaper for easy removal
Graco Nova 390 Airless Sprayer	For pros doing whole-house jobs, cabinets, or fences

5-in-1 Painter's Tool

Scraper, roller cleaner, can opener — multi-use essential

# 5 STEPS TO PREP LIKE A PRO



## 1 CLEAR THE ROOM

Remove or cover furniture and fixtures

## 2 CLEAN THE WALLS

Scrub away dirt and grime, then rinse

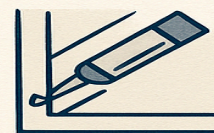


## 3 PATCH AND REPAIR

Fill holes or cracks with spackle and sand smooth

## 4 CAULK GAPS IN TRIM

Caulk baseboards, moulding, and corners



## 5 MASK AND PROTECT

Tape trim and cover floors with drop cloths

## Chapter 2: Prepping Like a Pro


*The secret to a flawless paint job isn't the paint — it's the prep.*

Amateur painters rush to get color on the wall. Professionals spend **60–70% of the time prepping** — and that's why our finishes last longer and look better. Check out my [prep video](#)

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### **Step 1: Clear the Room**

Move as much furniture out as possible. If you can't, **move everything to the center** and cover it securely with plastic or a clean drop cloth.

- Remove artwork, light switch covers, and outlet plates.  **[Safety First!](#) Be sure to turn off power before removing wall plates!**
  - Take down curtains and window hardware.
  - Cover light fixtures or remove if possible.
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### **Step 2: Clean the Walls**


Even clean-looking walls collect **dust, grease, and grime** — all of which prevent paint from sticking.

- Use a **TSP substitute** or mild degreaser for kitchen and bathroom walls.
  - Rinse with clean water and let dry completely.
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### **Step 3: Patch and Repair**

Fill all holes, cracks, and dents.

- Use **spackle or joint compound** for nail holes and dings.
- Sand smooth after drying.
- For deeper repairs, use **setting-type joint compound** (like 20-minute mud).

 **Pro Tip:** Always sand patched areas with 120–220 grit and wipe down with a damp cloth or tack cloth. Check out my [patching](#) video.

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## **Step 4: Caulk Gaps in Trim**

This step makes a paint job look **finished and pro-level**.


- Use **paintable latex caulk** for gaps between baseboards, trim, and wall corners.
- Smooth with a damp finger or caulk tool.
- Let dry before painting.

 **Pro Tip:** Watch my [caulking video](#).

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## **Step 5: Mask and Protect**

- Use **Frog tape** on baseboards, trim edges, outlets, and switches.
- Lay down **drop cloths** or plastic to protect floors and furniture.

 **Pro Tip:** Tape off the edge of the ceiling if you're only painting the walls — unless you're cutting in like a pro (see Chapter 3). For more details, check out my [masking](#) video.

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## **Should You Prime?**

You need primer if:

- You're going from **dark to light** colors
- Painting **bare drywall or patched areas**
- Painting **over glossy surfaces**

- Painting **stained** or **water-damaged** areas

Use a **stain-blocking primer** (like Zinsser or Kilz) for problem areas.

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Once your space is clean, patched, caulked, and protected — you're ready to paint like a pro.

## Chapter 3: Cutting In Like a Pro

*No painter's tape? No problem. Clean lines are all in the technique.*

“Cutting in” is the process of painting the edges of walls — where rollers can't reach — like the top line at the ceiling, around windows, doors, and baseboards.

Done right, it's fast, clean, and tape-free. Here's how pros do it:

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### Tools You'll Need

- **2.5" angled sash brush** (nylon/poly blend)
- **Handy paint pail** with magnetic brush holder
- Damp rag for quick clean-up

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### Pro Setup Tips

- Dip brush about **1/3 of the way into the paint** — don't overload.

- Tap excess off on the side of the pail — **don't wipe it flat** like a beginner.
  - Hold the brush like a pencil, not a hammer — you want control, not force.
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### **How to Cut In a Clean Line**

1. **Start ½ inch away from the ceiling or trim.**
  2. With steady pressure, pull the brush toward the edge in a smooth motion.
  3. Let the **angled tip do the work** — don't try to “draw” the line.
  4. Go slow on your first pass — it gets easier with practice.
  5. Reload often — **don't dry brush** your edges.
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### **Want to See This in Action?**

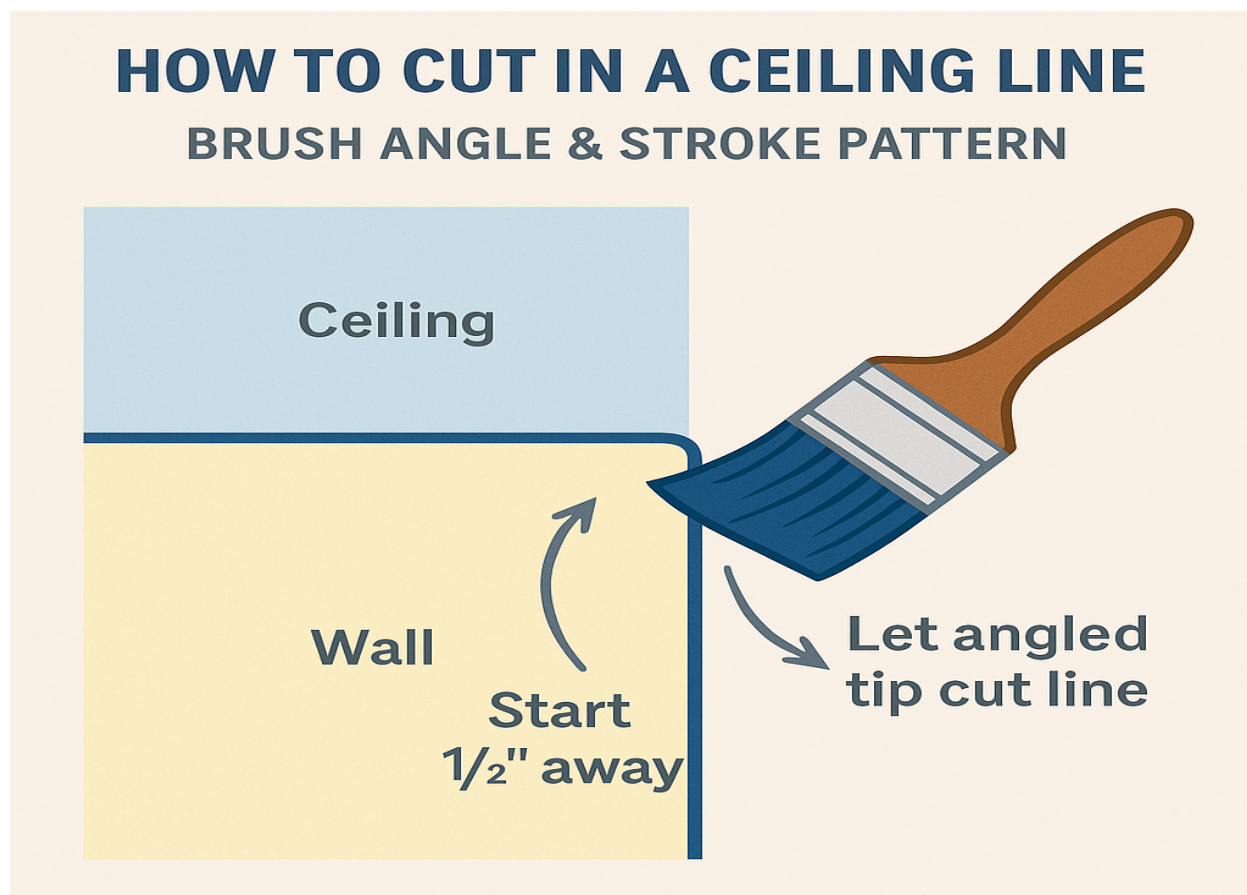
 [Watch Brad's YouTube Tutorial on Cutting In](#)

*Get the full technique in under 5 minutes — with real-life tips that save time.*

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### **Avoid These Common Mistakes**

- Don't use a square or block brush — you'll struggle to control the line.
  - Don't overload your brush — drips and blobs are hard to fix.
  - Don't rush — a steady hand beats a fast one every time.
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Once you've cut in along the ceiling, corners, baseboards, and around trim — it's time to **roll the walls**.

## Chapter 4: Rolling Like a Pro

*A good roll job is fast, even, and totally mark-free. It's where DIY painters go from "meh" to "wow."*


### Tools You'll Need

- 9" roller frame +  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " nap roller cover
- Extension pole
- Roller tray or 18" Wooster Wide Boy setup

- Drop cloths, rags, and a damp sponge nearby
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## Choosing the Right Nap

- **3/8" nap** → for smooth drywall
- **1/2" nap** → for light texture
- **3/4" nap** → for brick, concrete, or heavy texture

 **Pro Tip:** Don't use 3/4" on normal walls — it splatters and soaks up too much paint. *Check out my rolling [video](#).*

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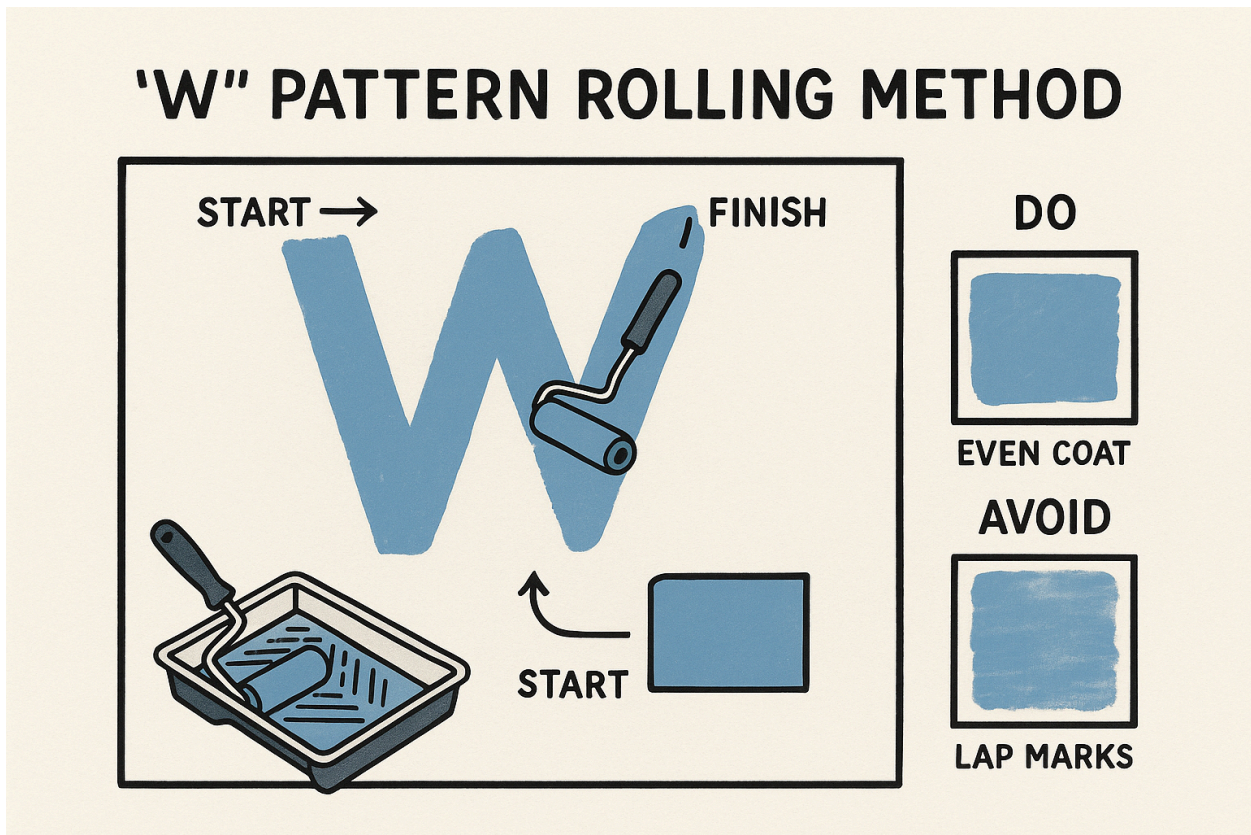
## The “W” Pattern — How Pros Roll Walls

1. Load your roller evenly — roll it into the tray or bucket grid until fully coated (but not dripping).
  2. Start about 12" from the top and roll a **large “W” pattern** about 3 feet wide.
  3. Without lifting the roller, **fill in the blank spaces** of the “W.”
  4. Work in **3x3 foot sections**, overlapping slightly.
  5. Keep a **wet edge** to avoid lap marks — don't stop mid-wall.
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## Avoid These Rookie Mistakes

- **Over-rolling** one spot (you'll get flashing)
- **Underloading** the roller (you'll get a dry, patchy look)
- **Pushing too hard** — that flattens the roller and causes streaks

- Painting without an extension pole — it's inefficient and inconsistent



### ✓ Rolling Tips from the Trade

- Always roll after cutting in — and **while the edges are still wet**
- If you need to stop, do it at a corner — not mid-wall
- **Don't go back** over semi-dry areas — that causes texture mismatch

🎯 **Pro Flow:** Cut in → roll → let dry → light sand if needed → second coat → inspect

Once you've rolled your walls top to bottom with a clean, even finish — step back and admire it.

## Chapter 5: Choosing the Right Paint

*The biggest mistake DIYers make isn't the brush — it's buying the wrong paint for the job.*

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### Step 1: Choose the Right Sheen (Finish)

Sheen Type	Best For	Notes
<b>Flat/Matte</b>	Ceilings, low-traffic rooms	Hides imperfections well but not washable
<b>Eggshell</b>	Living rooms, bedrooms	Soft finish, lightly washable
<b>Satin</b>	Kitchens, bathrooms, hallways	Durable and easy to clean
<b>Semi-gloss</b>	Trim, doors, cabinets	High durability, reflects more light
<b>Gloss</b>	Accent furniture, specialty items	Hardest finish, least forgiving

 **Pro Tip:** Flat hides flaws. Gloss shows everything.

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### Step 2: Choose the Right Type of Paint

- **Latex (Water-based)**
    - Dries fast
    - Easy clean-up with water
    - Ideal for walls and ceilings.
    - **Acrylic and alkyd** resin coatings are usually used for durability like for doors, furniture and trim.
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### Step 3: Do You Need Primer?

You probably do if:

- You're going from **dark to light** colors


- You're covering **stains, smoke, or water damage**
- You're painting over **bare drywall or wood**
- You're switching from oil to latex

Look for a **stain-blocking primer** like **Zinsser BIN** or **Kilz Premium**.

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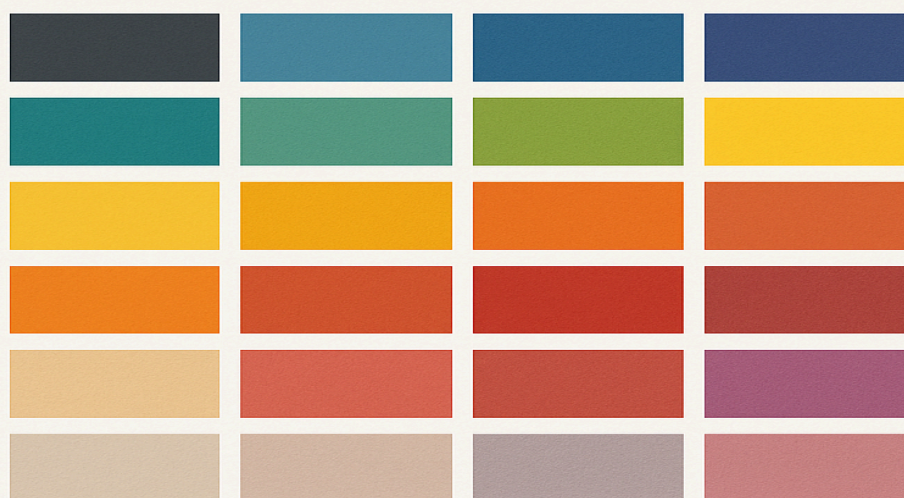
### **Bonus: Color Selection Tips**

- Light colors make rooms feel **bigger and brighter**
- Dark colors can feel **cozy or bold**, but show flaws easily
- Always test with **sample swatches on the wall**
- View samples in **natural light and evening light**

 **Pro Tip:** Paint a 2x2 ft square and live with it for a day — don't trust paint chips alone.

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# COLOR GUIDE



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Once you've chosen the right sheen, base, and tone — you're ready to **paint your home with confidence.**

## **Chapter 6: Room-by-Room Painting Walkthrough**

*Every room has its quirks — here's how to handle each one like a pro.*

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## Living Room

**Main Challenge:** Large wall space, tricky around trim and windows

**Tips:**

- Use a roller with an extension pole to reduce fatigue
  - Cut in around fireplaces, windows, and built-ins first
  - If there's crown molding, use a steady hand and an angled brush for clean cuts
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## Bedroom

**Main Challenge:** Furniture and clutter

**Tips:**

- Move the bed and dressers to the center
  - Use plastic sheeting and tape to cover light fixtures
  - Bedrooms are a good place for feature walls (see Accent Wall Tip below)
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## Kitchen

**Main Challenge:** Grease, cabinets, and tight spaces

**Tips:**

- Clean walls thoroughly with a degreaser or TSP substitute
  - Use **satin or semi-gloss** for wipeability
  - Don't forget to caulk under cabinets or trim for a seamless finish
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## Bathroom

**Main Challenge:** Moisture and ventilation


**Tips:**

- Use **mold-resistant primer**
  - Choose a **satin or semi-gloss** paint for durability
  - Open a window or run exhaust fan while painting and drying
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### **Accent Wall Tip**

Want to paint one bold wall? Here's how to do it cleanly:

1. Pick the **focal wall** — usually behind the bed, couch, or TV
2. Paint the other three walls a neutral tone
3. Use a **level and painter's tape** to mark sharp lines
4. Don't let the bold color wrap around the corners unless it's intentional

 **Pro Tip:** Dark colors require two solid coats, sometimes with primer underneath. Pro Painter6 accent wall [video](#).

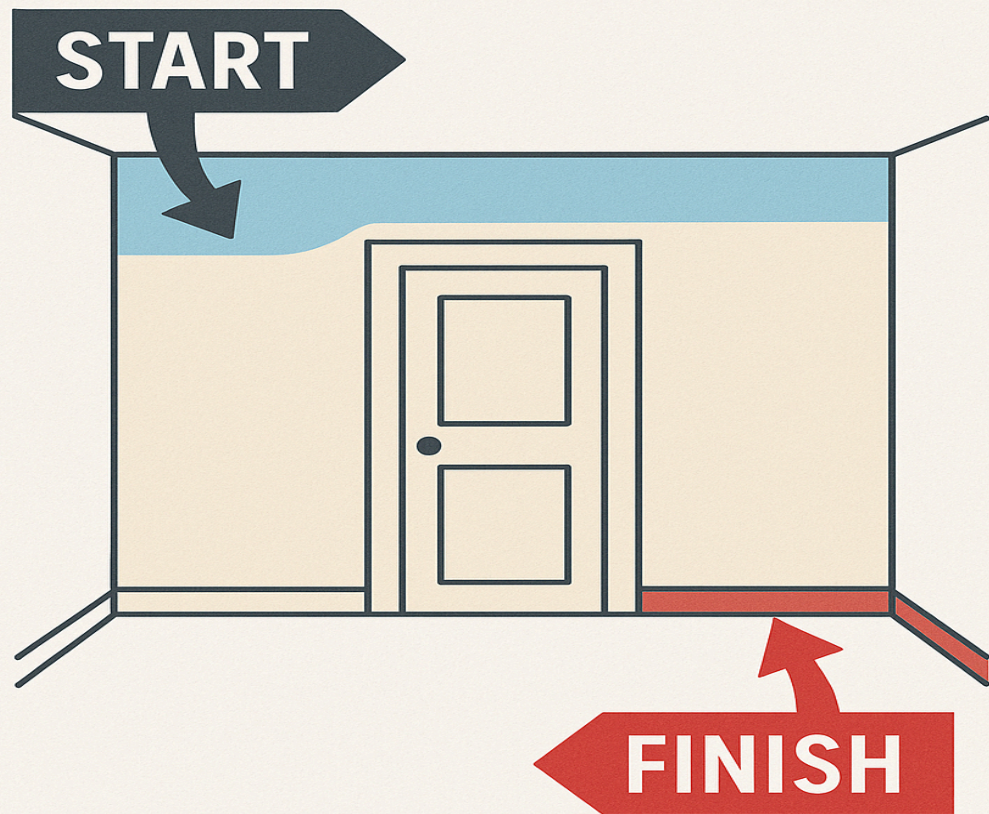
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### **Doors & Trim**

**Tips:**

- Use a **mini roller** or a brush with smooth, controlled strokes
  - Lightly sand in between coats
  - Use **semi-gloss or gloss** for durability and wipeability
  - Paint trim last, after walls, for the cleanest result [Trim Painting YouTube](#) [Trim Painting TikTok \(Comments\)](#)
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# ROOM PAINTING ORDER



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Each room has different surfaces, but the system stays the same:  
**Prep > Cut In > Roll > Recoat > Inspect.**

## Chapter 7: Fixing Common Painting Problems

*Even pros hit snags — the secret is knowing how to fix them fast.*

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### **Problem: Lap Marks**

#### **What it looks like:**

Shiny stripes or darker patches where strokes overlap unevenly.

#### **Cause:**

Rolling over paint that's already started to dry. However, the majority of the time, this is caused by not using enough material.

#### **Fix:**

- Always **keep a wet edge**
  - **Use a sufficient amount of paint**
  - Work in small 3x3 sections
  - Roll from dry into wet, not wet into dry
  - Feather the edges to blend
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### **Problem: Roller or Brush Streaks**

#### **What it looks like:**

Visible lines or texture where you used a brush or roller.

#### **Cause:**

Dry brushing, cheap tools, or overworking the paint.

**Fix:**

- Use **higher-quality brushes/rollers**
  - Apply **even pressure** — don't press too hard
  - Don't go back over drying paint
  - Lightly sand after the first coat if needed
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**! Problem: Paint Peeling or Flaking****What it looks like:**

Paint lifting or bubbling off the wall.

**Cause:**

Poor surface prep, moisture, or painting over a glossy finish without sanding.

**Fix:**

- **Scrape off loose paint**
  - **Sand glossy surfaces** before repainting
  - Use a **bonding primer** for slick or sealed surfaces
  - Check for **moisture issues** (especially in bathrooms)
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**! Problem: Paint Bleeding Under Tape****What it looks like:**

Jagged or messy lines where you masked trim or baseboards.

**Cause:**

Using the wrong tape or not sealing it properly.

**Fix:**

- Use **high-quality painter's tape** (FrogTape is great)

- Press edges down **firmly**
  - **Paint away** from the tape edge, not into it
  - Remove tape **while the paint is still slightly wet**
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### **Problem: Drips & Sags**

#### **What it looks like:**

Thick streaks or raised trails from excess paint.

#### **Cause:**

Overloaded brush or roller, or applying too much paint too quickly.

#### **Fix:**

- **Feather out the drip** with a clean brush while it's still wet
  - If dry, sand smooth and **repaint the area**
  - Load your roller or brush with less paint next time
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### **Problem: Flashing or Uneven Sheen**

#### **What it looks like:**

Uneven shine or dull spots after drying.

#### **Cause:**

Uneven wall texture, patchy primer, or over-touching semi-dry paint.

#### **Fix:**

- Apply a **second full coat** evenly
  - Use **self-priming paint** or spot prime patched areas
  - Roll the entire wall, not just touched-up areas
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### **Final Fix-It Tip:**

Don't panic. Even pros do touch-ups. Let the paint dry fully before judging the final result.

## **Chapter 8: Brush & Roller Techniques**

Even pros know that mastering your tools is key to a flawless finish. Let's dive into the best techniques to use a brush and roller like a pro. 🎨

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### **Brush Techniques**

A high-quality brush is your secret weapon for sharp lines and smooth edges. Here's how to use it effectively:

- **Load the Brush Properly:** Dip the brush into the paint about 1-2 inches. Tap it against the side of the can to remove excess paint. Don't overload it—too much paint = drips! 💧
  - **Cutting In:** This is the process of painting along edges like ceilings or trim. Use long, smooth strokes, starting light and gradually increasing pressure as you paint. Work in small sections to keep lines crisp and clean. ✨
  - **Steady Hands = Clean Lines:** Keep a steady hand for the sharpest lines. Practice makes perfect, but if you're worried about your lines, use painter's tape as a guide. 😎
  - **Avoid Overworking the Paint:** Once you've applied the paint, don't go back over it. This can leave visible brush strokes. Apply it smoothly and move on! 🖌️
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### **Roller Techniques**

Rollers are your best friend when tackling large areas. Here's how to get even coverage with a smooth finish:

- **Pick the Right Roller:** For rough surfaces, choose a thicker nap. For smooth walls, a short nap will give you the best finish. 🎯
- **Load Your Roller:** Dip your roller into the paint, then roll it along the tray's ridges to remove excess. Too much paint = drips and splatters. Keep it moderate! 💧

- **Roll in an “M” or “W” Pattern:** Start with an “M” or “W” shape on the wall to spread the paint evenly. After that, fill in the spaces with vertical strokes for smooth coverage. ✨
  - **Maintain Consistent Pressure:** Don’t press too hard. Keep a light, consistent pressure to avoid streaks. A gentle touch works wonders! 💪
  - **Work in Small Sections:** Don’t try to tackle the entire wall at once. Break it down into smaller sections to prevent the paint from drying too fast. 🕒
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### ⚠️ **Common Brush & Roller Mistakes (and How to Fix Them)**

- **Mistake: Overloading the Brush/Roller**  
What happens: Drips or uneven coverage  
Fix: Lightly load your brush or roller to avoid excess paint. 🎨
  - **Mistake: Applying Too Much Pressure**  
What happens: Roller marks or brush streaks  
Fix: Keep pressure even and light for the smoothest finish. ✨
  - **Mistake: Using Dirty Tools**  
What happens: Poor coverage and an uneven finish  
Fix: Clean your tools regularly for the best results. 🧼
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#### 🧠 **Pro Tip:**

Practice on a small area before you take on the whole room. The more you work with your brush and roller, the more confident you’ll become, leading to a flawless finish every time! 100

## 📖 **Chapter 9: Advanced Tips & Tricks**

Ready to take your painting skills to the next level? This chapter covers pro techniques that will help you achieve a flawless, professional finish on any surface. 💡

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### 1. Perfecting Your Brush Strokes

If you want the cleanest, sharpest lines, it's all about control and technique. Here's how to get it right:

- **Feather the Edges:** When cutting in or working around trim, use a “feathering” technique—light strokes that blend the edge into the surrounding area, leaving no harsh lines. ✨
- **Maintain Steady Pressure:** Apply light, consistent pressure. Too much pressure can cause streaks or brush marks. Let the brush do the work! 💪
- **Use the Right Brush Size:** Choose the brush that fits your project. For trim, a 2-3 inch angled brush works best. For larger areas, a bigger brush may be needed. 🎯

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### 2. Mastering the Roller

A roller is your best friend for covering large areas evenly. Here's how to use it like a pro:

- **Use the “W” Pattern:** To avoid roller marks, start by rolling in an “M” or “W” shape on the wall. Then, fill in the space with vertical strokes. This will give you smooth, consistent coverage. ✨
- **Don't Press Too Hard:** Keep pressure even as you roll. Pressing too hard will leave marks, while too little pressure will cause uneven coverage. 🖌️
- **Roll Back Into Wet Paint:** When moving on to the next section, always roll from wet into dry. This helps maintain a consistent finish. 🎨

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### 3. Speeding Up Your Project with Sprayers

Airless sprayers are a game-changer for large projects. Here's how to use one efficiently:

- **Test Before You Start:** Always test the sprayer on a piece of cardboard or scrap wood before spraying your walls. Adjust the spray pattern and pressure to your liking. 🎯
- **Keep the Spray Gun Moving:** Never keep the sprayer in one spot for too long—move it smoothly across the surface to avoid drips.
- **Maintain the Correct Distance:** Hold the sprayer about 12 inches from the surface. Too close and you'll get drips, too far and you'll get an uneven coat.

- **⚠️ Pro Tip:** Airless Paint Sprayers can be very Dangerous and potentially fatal. Please research this [link](#).
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#### ⚠️ 4. Handling Tricky Spots (Corners, Ceilings, and Trim)

Corners, ceilings, and trim can be challenging, but here's how to tackle them like a pro:

- **Use a 2" Angled Brush for Trim:** This allows you to get in tight spots without making a mess. It gives you more control and precision. 🎨
  - **For Corners:** Use a small brush to carefully cut in, then roll over the edges to blend it into the wall. 🖌️
  - **Ceiling Tips:** When painting ceilings, always paint from the corner outwards, making sure to work in small sections to prevent the paint from drying before you finish. 💡
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#### 🧠 5. Fixing Mistakes Without Starting Over

Even pros make mistakes. Here's how to fix them without losing time:

- **Lap Marks:** If you've got streaks or shiny patches, lightly sand the area and apply a second coat. Make sure to keep a wet edge while painting to avoid this in the future.
  - **Drips:** If you notice drips, let them dry fully and then sand them smooth. Reapply paint as needed to blend them into the surrounding area. ✨
  - **Streaks from Rollers or Brushes:** Lightly sand the surface after the first coat, then reapply for a smoother finish. 🪄
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#### 🌟 6. Create a Smooth Finish Every Time

For the best finish possible, follow these pro tips:

- **Sanding Between Coats:** Sanding lightly between coats removes imperfections and gives your paint a flawless finish. Use fine-grit sandpaper for the best results. 🧽

- **Avoid Overworking the Paint:** Once you apply a coat, don't go back and forth over it unless necessary. Overworking it can leave streaks or marks. 🤔
  - **Use Self-Leveling Paint:** If you're working on a surface that tends to show brush marks, opt for self-leveling paint. It smooths out imperfections as it dries. 🔥
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### 🧠 Pro Tip:

Don't rush! Professional painters know that taking your time leads to the best results. Allow coats to dry fully before touching up or adding another layer. Patience pays off! ⌚

## 📖 Chapter 10: Conclusion & Bonus Resources

You've made it to the final chapter! Now that you're equipped with the skills and techniques to paint like a pro, let's wrap it up and give you some extra tools to keep your painting projects top-notch. 100

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### 🎉 You Did It!

Congratulations on finishing the **Pro Painter eBook!** You now have the knowledge and techniques to tackle any painting project with confidence. Whether you're refreshing a room in your house, painting furniture, or even tackling a larger renovation, you've got the tools to get the job done like a pro. 🙌

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### 🔑 Final Pro Tips for Success

- **Take Your Time:** Don't rush through the process. A quality paint job requires patience, so take your time with each step. 🕒
- **Don't Skip Prep Work:** Proper preparation is 80% of the work. Clean, repair, and prep your surfaces for the best finish. 🧼
- **Choose Quality Tools:** Good tools make a big difference. Invest in high-quality brushes, rollers, and paint for the best results. 🖌️

- **Practice Makes Perfect:** The more you paint, the better you'll get. So, don't be afraid to practice on smaller projects first. 🎨
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### 💡 Bonus Resources

To take your painting skills even further, here are some bonus tools and products to consider:

- **Must-Have Tools for Professionals:**
    - **Graco Nova Airless Sprayer:** Perfect for large projects and getting a smooth, even coat. 🌊
    - **Wooster 18" Roller:** Ideal for covering large areas quickly with even coverage. 🖌️
    - **Wallpaper Tiger Paw Remover:** A great tool for removing wallpaper before painting. 🏠
    - **Spin Out Roller Cleaner:** Clean your rollers quickly and easily, so they last longer and perform better. 🧼
  - **Pro Painter's Favorite Paint Brands:**
    - **Sherwin Williams:** Known for its high-quality paints and finishes. 🎨
    - **Benjamin Moore:** Offers exceptional coverage and durability. 🏆
    - **Behr:** A reliable, affordable option for DIYers. 🛒
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### 📖 Additional Resources

For even more tips and guidance, check out these resources:

- **Pro Painter6 on Tik Tok:** <https://www.tiktok.com/@pro.painter6?lang=en> 📺
- **YouTube Channel:** Don't forget to check out my YouTube videos for visual demos and tutorials. <https://www.youtube.com/@ProPainter-h3g> 🎥
- **Painting Supplies Store:** [Coming Soon!] for all the tools you need to get started on your next painting project. 🛒

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### Stay in Touch!

I hope this eBook has helped you feel more confident and ready to take on your next painting project. If you have any questions or need further advice, feel free to reach out! You can connect with me through:

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### Thank You!

Thank you for reading **How to Paint Your Home Like a Pro**. Remember, the best way to learn is by doing. So, grab your brush, choose your color, and start painting your way to a beautiful home! 🏠 ✨

## Pro Painter6™ Recommended Tools & Supplies

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### Brushes & Rollers

- **Wooster Silver Tip 2 1/2" Angle Brush** — For crisp, clean cutting lines and trim work.
- **Wooster 3/8" & 1/2" Professional Roller Covers** — Smooth, even coverage on most surfaces.
- **Wooster Wide Boy 18" Roller Frame** — Covers large areas fast; great for ceilings and big walls.

**Pro Tip:** High-quality brushes and rollers hold more paint and deliver smoother finishes with less effort.

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## **Paint Gear & Accessories**

- **Handy Paint Pail + Liners** — Makes brush dipping and cleanup easy.
- **Wooster Roller Handle & Extension Pole** — Gives you reach and control on tall walls and ceilings.
- **Spin-Out Roller Cleaner** — Cleans rollers in seconds and extends their lifespan.
- **5-in-1 Painter's Tool** — The “Swiss Army knife” of painting; opens cans, scrapes, and cleans rollers.

**Pro Tip:** Keep tools clean and organized — it saves time and money on every project.

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## **Paints & Primers**

- **Sherwin-Williams Super Paint (Flat, Satin, Semi-Gloss)** — Excellent coverage and durability.
- **Zinsser Mold Killing Primer** — Great for bathrooms, basements, and high-moisture areas.
- **Sherwin-Williams ProBlock Primer/Sealer** — Reliable adhesion and stain-blocking performance.

**Pro Tip:** Always prime repaired or stained areas before painting.

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## **Prep & Protection**

- **Green FrogTape (Pro Grade)** — For clean, sharp lines without bleed-through.

- **Trimaco Canvas Drop Cloths (12x15)** — Durable, reusable protection for floors and furniture.
- **Painter's Plastic (Film Guard)** — Lightweight, quick coverage for furniture or cabinets.

**Pro Tip:** Mask smart — clean lines come from solid prep, not luck.

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## Patching & Repair

- **Evercoat Glazing Putty** — Smooths small dents or surface flaws.
- **DAP Alex Plus Caulk (Paintable)** — Perfect for sealing trim and corner joints.
- **DAP Spackling Compound** — Fills nail holes and minor repairs easily.

**Pro Tip:** Always sand, clean, and spot-prime repairs before applying paint.

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## Want to See These Tools in Action?

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## Why I Built Pro Painter6 — A Personal Note from Brad Revie

I've been painting for over 30 years. I've worked in homes, warehouses, government facilities — from commercial to industrial and everything in between. But nothing in my career challenged me more than what I went through in 2024/2025.

At first, I thought I was just tired. Then it turned into something more: gut issues, continuous diarrhea, nausea, no appetite, rapid weight loss. I was losing muscle, strength, and energy. I couldn't eat, nothing about food was the way I remembered. I couldn't recover. I remember

telling Simone and Lexie, “Something’s really wrong.” Even my longtime doctor was deeply concerned.

I asked God out loud — more than once — “Am I dying?”

And what I heard, every time, was: No.

Eventually, after no answers from the GI specialists, I turned to functional care at Wholistic Nutrition. What they found through testing shocked me: my body was overloaded with mold, bacteria, viruses, parasites, and heavy metals — likely from three decades of jobsite exposure. My gut and liver were failing, my minerals were depleted, and my detox systems weren’t functioning at all.

With the right supplements and detox protocol, my body responded within two weeks. I gained back 30 lbs in six weeks. I was hungry again. I felt alive again. For the first time in years, I felt like me.

That’s why I created Pro Painter6 the way I did — not just to teach you how to roll a ceiling line or mask a door frame, but to show that you can be excellent at your craft without sacrificing your health. It’s about smarter tools, safer systems, and sustainable practices — so you can do this work for decades and still feel strong at the end of the day.

My hope is that my story reminds you to listen to your body, trust your instincts, and take your health seriously — even in a trade that teaches us to “push through.”

Pro Painter6 is here because I almost didn’t make it through.

But I did.

And now I’m sharing everything I’ve learned with you.

Thanks for reading,

— Brad Revie

Founder, Pro Painter6

✨ This updated edition includes a new “Founder’s Epilogue” — a personal reflection on my healing journey and why Pro Painter6 was built the way it is.

## **Pro Painter6 Disclaimer**

Hey there, DIY legend! 🙌

Before you grab your brush or roller, here's a quick heads-up:

The information, tips, and techniques shared by Brad Revie and Pro Painter are based on over 30 years of professional painting experience and are meant to help you achieve quality results at home.

That said, every project, product, and surface is different — so always use your best judgment, follow manufacturer instructions, and take the proper safety precautions.

In plain English:

- You're responsible for how you use this information.
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