



Painting

Lesson Four: Preparing to Paint

Student Handouts

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Giving Instructions for Preparing a Surface

When we give or write instructions for a job, we use only the simple verb. Look at the example.

Miranda needs a putty knife to fill some nail holes. She wants Maria to give it to her. Miranda says, “Get the putty knife from my toolbox, please.”

Write the word in each blank to complete these instructions about how to prepare an area for painting.

Steps in Preparing a Surface for Painting

1. _____ most of the furniture from the room.
2. _____ floor and remaining furniture with drop cloths.
3. _____ pictures, window treatments, hardware, and switch plates from the walls.
4. _____ ceiling plates of light fixtures and cover fixtures.
5. _____ surfaces with light detergent solution.
6. _____ surfaces with a damp cloth or rag to rinse and let it dry.
7. _____ glossy surfaces with sandpaper.
8. _____ surfaces and _____ them with a cloth.
9. _____ surfaces for nail holes or cracks.
10. _____ holes or cracks with spackling compound.
11. _____ the surfaces dry and _____ them lightly.
12. _____ any water stains or marks on the walls.