

Filling & Painting

Practical skills

Preparing a wall so the paint lasts, and the order of coats.

The order that produces a finish that lasts.

1

Clean and de-grease

Sugar soap. Paint does not adhere to grease or dust.

2

Fill

Slightly proud of the surface; filler shrinks slightly as it dries.

3

Sand smooth

Fine paper, feathered into the surrounding wall.

4

Prime the fill

Filler absorbs differently and will flash through the topcoat if

5

Cut in, then roll

Edges with a brush first, then the field with a roller.

6

Two thin coats

Always better than one thick one.

COVERAGE

Emulsion: ~12 m² per litre per coat

New plaster needs a mist coat: paint thinned ~30%

Allow the stated drying time between coats

New plaster must have a thinned mist coat first. Full-strength paint on bare plaster peels off in sheets later.