



## brush and roller care and cleaning

### Care and Cleaning

*To ensure brushes and rollers last longer and maintain their original condition they must be cared for correctly.*

1. Squeeze as much paint as possible from rollers, brushes and trays back into the paint can for future use.
2. Wipe remaining paint from brush or roller onto an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.
3. Wash brush or roller in a large bucket with the solvent recommended for the paint used.
4. Wash brush or roller in a separate bucket of warm, soapy water.
5. Buckets of water and/or solvents should be left to rest overnight so paint sediment can settle to the bottom. When paint has settled water can be poured onto grass or garden. Solvent can be retained for future use. Paint sediment at the bottom of the bucket should be wiped out with an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.
6. Shake out excess water from brush or roller.

#### 7. Brushes

Comb the bristles of brushes and shape while still wet. Brushes can be stored hanging up or flat, either in their original packaging or in newspaper. Ensure brush bristle or filament is not stored in contact with anything that can distort its shape.

#### Rollers

Rollers are best dried and stored standing up to avoid flat spots developing in the nap. Remember to always rinse roller covers in water prior to use to ensure dust and loose fibres do not contaminate your paint.

### Don'ts

- Do not stir paint with a brush or roller, always use a paint mixer.
- Never let brushes or rollers soak in water for long periods of time, this may distort brush bristle or roller fibres.
- Never let paint dry on brushes or rollers.
- Do not use concentrated detergent or very hot water when washing as this may damage brush bristle or roller fibres.

### Taking a painting break?

Simply wrap your brush or roller in a plastic bag or cling wrap to keep moist and ready to be used as soon as your break is over.

### Paint Disposal

*If not disposed of correctly waste paint pollutes waterways and can endanger wildlife.*

*Please ensure you follow this advice when disposing of empty paint cans and waste paint.*

- Dispose of rags and newspaper used to clean paint applicators in normal household waste after they have dried.
- Do not wash brushes and rollers in water that flows directly down drains or gutters. Use buckets and dispose of waste water and paint sediment as specified above.
- Empty paint cans may be recycled through a certified recycling depot. Contact your local council for more information.
- Waste paint should be poured into a hole dug into the ground that has been lined with newspaper. The water will drain through the newspaper leaving the paint on top. When paint is dry dispose of newspaper in normal household waste.

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