



## HOW TO PREPARE WOOD AND METAL

Although it's tempting to get straight into the painting, it is worthwhile preparing wood and metal surfaces before you pick up the paintbrush. The details really do make a difference and time spent on preparation will give you a longer-lasting, smarter and higher gloss finish.

### PREVIOUSLY PAINTED WOOD

- If the paint is in good condition you simply need to wash it with diluted washing-up liquid. Then sand it lightly with wet and dry paper, to provide a key for the new paint, give the base paint a final rinse before repainting.
- If the paint is loose or flaking you need to remove it to get back to the bare wood. You can use sandpaper, chemical liquid paint remover or an electrically operated hot air gun. Use a scraper and a shavehook for getting paint out of mouldings.
- **Health & Safety tip:** be careful that the heat doesn't crack the glass when using a hot air gun to strip paint from windows.

### NEW WOOD

- Round off rough edges and sand down splinters.
- Coat live knots, resinous patches or dark areas with knotting to prevent resin bleeding through the primer.
- Fill cracks and joins with a wood filler for a smooth, solid finish. Smooth over open graining and scratches with a

### WINDOWS

- When painting windows it is a good idea to check the putty and cut out any cracked or broken window putty. Then prime the window rebate and replace the putty.

### METAL

- Before painting, remove corrosion or flaky bits with a wire brush.
- Mend any holes or cracks with filler.

**Health & Safety tip:** don't forget your RCD when using electrical equipment outdoors.

- The surfaces should then be sanded smooth and dusted clean. Any cracks or joints should be filled with wood filler and sanded smooth when dry.
- Bare wood should be coated with a suitable primer before painting.
- If the wood itself is decayed you need to repair it with a wet rot repair kit.

fine fill, then rub over with sandpaper when dry and dust off.

- You will need to prime new wood surfaces before painting. Primer penetrates the surface and makes the paint go further.

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