PAINTING

“Enhancing our youths’ competitive edge through merit badges”
1. Explain the proper safety procedures to follow when preparing surfaces and applying coatings.

2. Do the following:
   (a) Explain three ways that coatings can improve a surface.
   (b) Explain where you would apply enamel paint, flat paint, wood stain, and varnish, and explain the importance of sheen.
   (c) Tell why each is best for these uses.

3. Prepare and paint two different surfaces using patching materials or caulking and the proper primers and topcoats. Suggested projects include an interior or exterior wall, a door, a piece of furniture, a concrete wall or floor, a porch rail, or a fence. Your counselor must preapprove the projects.

4. Prepare and paint an item using harmonizing colors that you have selected using the color wheel in the Painting merit badge pamphlet.

5. Show the right way to use, clean, maintain, and store painting equipment.

6. Explain the importance of ladder safety, personal hygiene, and the use of personal protective equipment when painting.

7. Explain some of the environmental and health issues concerning removing paint, applying paint, and discarding old paint.

8. Find out about career opportunities in the painting craft. Discuss the training and experience required, and explain why this profession might interest you.
Painting Resources

Scouting Literature
Home Repairs and Safety merit badge pamphlets

Visit the Boy Scouts of America’s official retail website (with your parent’s permission) at http://www.scoutstuff.org for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books


**Painting Resources**

**Organizations and Websites**

**American Coatings Association**  
Website: [http://www.paint.org](http://www.paint.org)  
The ACA is a nonprofit organization “working to advance the needs of the paint and coatings industry and the professionals who work in it.” Its website provides information about proper paint disposal, as well as technical and educational materials.

**BEHR**  
Website: [http://www.behr.com](http://www.behr.com)  
This paint company’s Internet site provides helpful links that offer such things as how-to questions and answers and a calculator that estimates the amount of paint needed for a particular project.

**Better Homes and Gardens**  
This site provides tips and techniques for creating decorative wall patterns and murals.

**Environmental Protection Agency**  
Website: [http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm)  
This site explains the EPA’s Renovation, Repair, and Painting rule that applies to companies working on certain projects that disturb lead-based paint.

**Handyman Wire**  
Website: [http://www.handymanwire.com](http://www.handymanwire.com)  
This site offers “expert advice and help for do-it-yourselfers” and allows users to post questions to experts.

**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades**  
Website: [http://www.iupat.org](http://www.iupat.org)  
The IUPAT is a labor union that helps ensure safe working conditions and good wages and benefits for its more than 160,000 members. The website provides an extensive history of the union, union news and events, information on training and education in the trades, updates on current political and community affairs, and links to district and regional offices across the country.

**Kelly-Moore Paints**  
Website: [http://www.kellymoore.com](http://www.kellymoore.com)  

**National Center for Construction Education and Research**  
Website: [http://www.nccer.org](http://www.nccer.org)  
The NCCER develops and publishes standardized construction and maintenance curricula, safety programs, management education, industry image materials, and craft skill assessments.

**National Lead Information Center**  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Website: [http://www.epa.gov/lead/forms/lead-hotline-national-lead-information-center](http://www.epa.gov/lead/forms/lead-hotline-national-lead-information-center)  
This arm of the Environmental Protection Agency provides painting professionals and the general public with information about lead hazards and their prevention.

**The Old House Web**  
Website: [http://www.oldhouseweb.com](http://www.oldhouseweb.com)  
This site gives “old-house enthusiasts” ideas and advice on many home improvement tasks, products, and suppliers.
The Paint Quality Institute
Website: http://www.paintquality.com
The Paint Quality Institute was founded to educate “consumers, contractors, and retailers on the advantages of using the highest quality paints and coatings.” The website contains a wealth of information on safety, paint ingredients, and decorative techniques.

Painting and Decorating Contractors of America
Website: http://www.pdca.org
The official website of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America is a resource for the professional painting contractor and the home do-it-yourselfer as well.

This Old House
Website: http://www.thisoldhouse.com

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