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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

- Becker, Holly, and Joanna Copestick. *Decorate: 1,000 Professional Design Ideas for Every Room in Your Home*. Chronicle Books, 2011.
- Better Homes and Gardens. *Decorative Paint Techniques and Ideas*, 2nd ed. Better Homes and Gardens, 2009.
- Donegan, Francis. *Paint Your Home: Skills, Techniques, and Tricks of the Trade for Professional Looking Interior Painting*. Reader's Digest Association Inc., 1997.
- Eiseman, Leatrice. *Colors for Your Every Mood: Discover Your True Decorating Colors*. Capital Books, 2000.
- Essential Paint Techniques: Improving Your Home With Paint Inside and Out*. This Old House Books, 2000.
- McElroy, William. *Painter's Handbook*. Craftsman Book Company, 1988.
- Painting and Decorating Craftsman's Manual and Textbook*. Painting and Decorating Contractors of America, 1995.
- Sloan, Annie. *Quick and Easy Paint Transformations: 50 Step-by-Step Ways to Makeover Your Home for Next to Nothing*. CICO Books, 2015.
- Starmer, Anna. *The Color Scheme Bible: Inspirational Palettes for Designing Home Interiors*. Firefly Books, 2012.
- Travis, Debbie, and Barbara Dingle. *Debbie Travis' Decorating Solutions: More Than 65 Paint and Plaster Finishes for Every Room in Your Home*. Clarkson Potter, 1999.
- Wilbur, C. Keith. *Homebuilding and Woodworking in Colonial America*. Chelsea House Publishers, 1997.

Organizations and Websites

American Coatings Association

Website: <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>
 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

Website: <http://www.bhg.com/decorating/paint/decorative-painting/>
 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>
 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>
 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>

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>

National Center for Construction Education and Research

Website: <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>
 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>
 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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