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BATHROOMS AND KITCHENS

These are the 'wet areas' (you can include laundries too) that suffer from moisture, overuse and general abuse. To make these areas more durable, the helpful building and renovating industry has come up with durable products such as tiles and laminates. Typically these surfaces are hard wearing and nonporous.

The problem is, these surfaces can't be repainted like normal surfaces. Guess there had to be a downside to all that hard-wearing upside, huh? So, do you wait for your late 80's pink and grey colour scheme to come back in fashion or do you have to rip it all down and start again? Actually, there are a number of new products that allow you to renovate your bathroom or kitchen without a major investment. These new products are designed to give all those durable surfaces a new look.



To get a smooth even finish use high quality equipment and work in smooth even flowing strokes. You will need to apply one coat of tile and laminate primer, followed by two topcoats. Allow time to dry between coats. Tile and laminate paint is surprisingly resilient, easy to clean and will look great. Best of all, you can get it tinted to match your new colours.

To make your tile paint job look complete, touch up the grouting with a specialised grout pen. Choose a contrasting colour for a grout feature effect. You can even use a grout pen to recolour old or discoloured grout without touching the tiles at all. Fix any grouting that may have fallen out before you recolour. Now you have a new tile wall it's time to think about the other areas in the room.

TILES AND LAMINATE

Ideal for tile walls, laminated surfaces and cupboards.

There are several brands of tile and laminate paint that will allow you to recolour your surfaces. Tiling and laminating is both expensive and time consuming, but with tile and laminate paint you can recolour in hours. You can tint tile and laminate paint to almost any of the standard white based tints and you can even apply effects to it like sponging.

Cleaning is the most important aspect of painting tiles and laminates. There are special tile and laminate cleaners. Get very serious about the cleaning. You need all those years of soap and contamination removed.



WALLS AND DOORS

If possible, remove the handles and fitting before painting, as this will make your life a lot easier. Some people even take the doors off completely and paint them that way. If your cupboards or doors are the traditional painted finish then you can just give them a light sand and begin applying your new colour. Fill/clean any imperfections and sand back before starting. Gloss or satin provides a better wearing and easily wiped coating for cupboards – especially if they are in an area prone to splashes or spills.

For laminated or melamine doors, use special laminate paints. There is a primer and topcoat required giving a durable, well-adhered finish. Apply one coat of primer, then two topcoats each with quality equipment for a smooth finish. Smooth, even strokes are the key to a good finish. When you do it right, no one will ever know it was once a laminate door.



CEILING

The ceiling in bathrooms and kitchens is more susceptible to peeling and mould growth because of the steam and humidity associated with cooking and showering. But don't panic because there are special ceiling paints available with mould inhibitor built right into the paint.

In some older homes the mould situation is chronic. Some people have used gloss enamel for a ceiling finish with great success in these areas. Start by making sure any chipped or peeling paint is removed. If there is mould or a lot of dirt, some serious cleaning is at hand - your PaintRight professional can advise on the right cleaning product. Fill, sand and prime any cracks before painting.





CHECKLIST

- Tile or laminate paint
- Undercoat(s)
- Quality brushware
- Sugar soap & sandpaper
- Drop cloths
- Paint Stirrer
- Masking tape
- Ladder or trestles
- Ceiling Paint
- Roller kit & extension handle

NOTES:



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