



JOB of the Week



Job name: Painter and Decorator

Job description:

A Painter and Decorator is responsible for mixing paints, matching colours, preparing surfaces, and applying paint to these surfaces.

May perform touch-ups or co-ordinate large painting projects related to the construction industry.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: As a painter / decorator, you'll be:

- Preparing painting surfaces by washing walls, repairing holes, or removing old paint
- Mixing, matching, and applying paints and other finishes to various surfaces
- Providing decorative and faux finishes as the project requires
- Handling planning and prep work in an efficient manner
- Preparing the surrounding area by covering with cloth or plastic to prevent messes
- Moving furniture and equipment as necessary to reach the entire surface of the project
- Calculating the amount of materials and time required for said project
- Removing fixtures such as door knobs and light switch covers
- Taping off areas as needed
- Choosing and purchasing paint, brushes, and other supplies from vendors
- Quoting and negotiating job prices
- Cleaning up supplies and replacing fixtures when project is complete
- Communicating with clients to ensure they're getting the look they're hoping for
- mixing paint to the right shade, often using computerised colour-matching equipment
- applying coats of paint, hanging wallpaper and adding special finishes like glazes or marbling
- tidying up after finishing, and cleaning your tools

Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Sectors in which Painters and Decorators would normally work:

Painters and decorators work in any environment where paint is needed, from domestic sites (houses) to large corporate buildings (offices) to specialised properties such as hospitals (e.g. operating theatres) and schools to entertainment facilities and public buildings (e.g. cinemas and restaurants)

Salary: Painter and Decorators are typically paid a starting wage of £15 000, this increases with experience, skilled Painter and Decorators can expect to earn approximately £30 000 per year. Senior Painters and Decorators can earn up to £50 000



Working hours: Working hours are usually around 42 - 44 hours per week. You may need to work some evenings and weekends.

Qualifications to become a Painter / Decorator: You can get into this job through a college course or an apprenticeship:

College: You could take a college course like a Level 2 or Level 3 Diploma in Painting and Decorating. This will teach you some of the skills you'll need and may help you to find a job as a trainee with a decorating company.

Entry requirements - You'll usually need: 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

Apprenticeship: You could do a painter and decorator intermediate apprenticeship. This will usually take 2 to 3 years to complete.

Essential skills you need to show:

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- leadership skills
- the ability to work well with others
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- customer service skills
- knowledge of public safety and security
- business management skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

This job in the future: The workforce is projected to decline by -2%, losing 2 500 jobs; in the same period, 50.4% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 63 600 job opportunities.

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