



# Painting

## Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.  
This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor

**Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.**

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.  
You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Scouts BSA Requirements (Pub.# 33216) and/or on Scouting.org.

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Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Date Started \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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2.	
3.	

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- b. Explain where you would apply enamel paint, flat paint, wood stain, and varnish, and explain the importance of sheen.

Where would you apply -

Enamel paint


Flat paint:


Wood stain:


Varnish:


Explain the importance of sheen.


- c. Tell why each is best for these uses.

Enamel paint


Flat paint:


Wood stain:


Varnish:


- 3. Prepare and paint two different surfaces using patching material, 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.

Ladder safety:


Personal hygiene:


Personal protective equipment


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

Removing paint


Applying paint


Discarding old paint


8. Find out about career opportunities in the paint industry.


Discuss the training and experience required, and explain why this profession might interest you.


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