

House Painting:

- ★ Prep (take down, etc.):
 - gutters
 - glass on enclosed patio
 - miscellaneous items (lights, address #'s etc.)
 - turn off power to fixtures
- ★ Pressure wash house:
 - 1800-2500 psi (to remove loose paint) wood can be damaged with as low as 1500 psi
 - use a Green 25 degree nozzle & hold 12" from siding (start 3-4' away at first and work way in)
 - start at top and work way down; spray at downward angle; angle spray away from windows and doors
 - If the surface is chalky, crumbly or sandy after cleaning, a masonry surface conditioner may help consolidate the stucco.
- ★ Scrape & sand:
 - Buy:
 - Paint scrapers – [similar to this](#)
 - Random orbital & disc sander (hubby chose the Dewalt)
 - Bosch 5" Variable Speed Random Orbit Sander/Polisher \$95
 - Porter-cable 6" Variable-Speed Random Orbit Sander \$130
 - Makita 6" Variable Speed Random Orbit Sander \$210
 - [Dewalt 5" Variable Speed Random Orbit Sander Kit](#)
- ★ Wood & stucco fill:
 - Use an epoxy wood filler
 - Rot doctor's penetrating epoxy & fill it
 - Smith & Co's multi wood prime epoxy primer (Clear Penetrating Epoxy Sealer)
 - <http://elastek.com/how-to/repair-stucco/>
 - We used [Elastomeric Custom Patch](#)
 - **Repair:** First of all, make sure your stucco is in good repair. Paint will fill hairline cracks. However, cracks from the width of a credit card up to one-eighth inch will require a brushable elastomeric sealant. Wider movement cracks call for professional repair that may include raking the cracks and filling them with a urethane sealant system or other treatment. Movement cracks and other serious problems, such as loose framing, cannot be cured by patches and paint, so again be sure to seek professional assistance if that is the case with your stucco. If stucco patching is performed, prevent cracking of the repairs by not allowing the repair area to dry too quickly. Shade or even cover repairs in hot weather. When it's hot, it is a good idea to keep the newly stuccoed area damp, at about 90 percent humidity for 48 to 72 hours. Do not repair stucco if the temperature will soon fall below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Prior

to painting patchwork, the moisture and pH levels must be at levels specified by the paint manufacturer. Perform repairs prior to cleaning to prevent water from entering the building.

★ Caulk:

- Most recommended ([dynaflex 230 by DAP](#)) Cut 1/8" hole at 45 degree angle
- Buy clear caulk for windows
- Inspect flashing, such as over doors and windows, to ensure the sheet metal or plastic sheathing is securely in place.
- Caulk in and around:
 - Gaps of - fascia boards, soffits, siding gaps, windows & doors and their frames, flashing, exterior light fixtures and other protrusions.
 - Garage door panels (our door isn't wood so don't need to)
 - Brick & concrete, especially where brick and wood meet (use paintable CLEAR caulk on brick)

★ Mask:

- Buy painter's tape & plastic masking film for exterior windows (we used butcher paper we had on hand)
- Mask everything within five feet of the area you intend to paint

★ Prime:

- Use a professional sprayer (for both priming and painting). We used a Graco Magnum.
- Acrylic masonry primer for stucco, concrete & brick
- 100% Acrylic primer sealer for wood
- We bought two primers for the different surfaces: Peel Bond & PrepRite ProBlock from [Sherwin Williams](#).

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★ Paint

- A quality acrylic latex paint formulated for stucco or an elastomeric are the coatings of choice. Acrylic latex provides excellent protection unless some substrate problems or the need to protect against wind-driven rain make elastomeric a better choice. Elastomerics, for years the popular choice in coastal area, are gaining popularity among owners in northern and interior locales because their heavier film build and elasticity provide the highest degree of protection possible.
Read more:
<http://www.doityourself.com/stry/stuckonstucco#ixzz0j0uYGDwi>
- In this order: fascia and eaves, siding, trim
- Acrylic masonry paint for stucco, concrete & brick
- Acrylic wood paint
- We used three custom blended paints from from Sherwin Williams in their SuperPaint formula.

Here are some discussions on the most recommended paint brands:

- ★ In forums, Sherwin-Williams paints are preferred in almost a third of recommendations. Along with its self-named brand, Sherwin-Williams also makes Dutch Boy, Pratt & Lambert, Thompson's WaterSeal and other brands. These brands rate highly in tests and

earn recommendations. Professional Builder, a trade journal, surveyed builders about what products they used when building their own homes. In the "Paints/Stains" category, two builders used Sherwin-Williams, one used Pratt & Lambert and one used ICI.

- [Pratt & Lambert Accolade](#)  (*Est. \$40 to \$50 per gallon), depending on luster receives a few favorable comments. Pratt & Lambert paints are sold by independent retailers and some Ace Hardware stores. Pratt & Lambert was acquired by Sherwin-Williams in the mid-1990s, but the company operates independently. Their paint has a lifetime warranty. Accolade, The Crown Jewel of Paints collection, is the finest interior and exterior coating and sets the industry standard for excellence. Made from an award-winning, 100-percent acrylic formula that is unlike any other paint product, Accolade provides even the most discerning consumer or contractor with the deepest, richest colors and sheens. To further enhance Accolade's colors, the highest grade of titanium dioxide, a primary pigment for bright, clear color, is also part of the formula.
- Benjamin Moore earns about one-fifth of recommendations for the best house paint, which is easily the second highest total. Like Sherwin-Williams, the company dates to the 1800s. Most of the recommendations for Benjamin Moore are for the brand in general rather than for a specific formula. Several of its top paints are mentioned. Benjamin Moore's premium formulation has different names for each of its three luster levels. Benjamin Moore MoorGlo (*est. \$45 per gallon) has a "soft gloss finish," and MoorLife (*est. \$40 per gallon) is a flat paint. MoorGard 100% Acrylic Low Lustre Latex House Paint (*est. \$42 per gallon) falls between the two in luster and price. These paints carry a lifetime warranty. A forum member inquired about the best exterior paint for intense sun. One respondent says that Benjamin Moore MoorGard has held up well in his northern California location.
- The Sherwin-Williams flagship exterior house paint, Sherwin-Williams Duration (*est. \$50 per gallon) is easily the most recommended paint in forums. Duration is available in flat, satin and gloss finishes. It is guaranteed for as long as you own your house. Sherwin-Williams also claims that the paint is self-priming and only requires one coat. Pros say that's an inflated claim, but it doesn't deter their enthusiasm for the relative quality of Duration. Sherwin-Williams SuperPaint (*est. \$42 per gallon) was the company's top paint prior to the introduction of Duration. Arch Painting answers consumer questions on its website and consistently recommends SuperPaint as a solution to reader questions. In general, SuperPaint does not receive the accolades that Duration house paint does. Reviews are favorable, but more mixed. One painter says, "SuperPaint is not my favorite to work with, but it is a good paint. Duration is excellent." SuperPaint has a 25-year warranty. It's available in flat, satin and gloss finishes.