# Painting <br> Lesson Two: Choosing the Right Paint 

## Student Handouts

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## Paint Finishes <br> WHICH PAINT FINISH, WHERE, AND WHY

| FINISH | FLAT/MATTE | FLAT ENAMEL | EGGSHELL | SATIN | SEMI-GLOSS | HIGH-GLOSS |
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| WHY USE IT? | -dull, not shiny at all <br> -covers problems <br> with walls (rough spots, bumps, cracks) <br> - not easy to wash <br> - warm soft look <br> - traditional look <br> - "old" or "rustic" look | - not shiny <br> - more durable and washable than flat <br> - a little washable | - a little shiny <br> - more durable than flat or matte finishes <br> - washable <br> - perfect for most rooms | - soft shine, like a pearl <br> - smooth look, like velvet <br> - goes on wall easily <br> -washable and durable <br> - more stain resistant <br> - good for kids' and high traffic areas <br> - makes a room feel <br> warm | - medium shiny <br> - very durable <br> - very easy to wash <br> and scrub <br> - very stain resistant <br> - good for areas where water may splash or there is steam | - very shiny <br> -looks like glass <br> - most durable <br> - easiest to wash and scrub <br> - most stain-resistant <br> - most reflective <br> - gives a formal or contemporary look |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { WHY } \\ & \text { NOT } \\ & \text { USE IT? } \end{aligned}$ | - doesn't reflect light <br> -cannot clean easily <br> - needs repainting <br> - absorbs dirt, stains, and grease | - not for high traffic areas--will get too dirty |  |  | - must sand surfaces very smooth before painting | - must sand surfaces very smooth before painting - can look "cold and |
| WHERE ? | - living room walls <br> - dining room walls <br> - ceilings <br> - hallways <br> - bedroom walls <br> - wood paneling <br> -drywall <br> - exterior wood siding <br> - exterior vinyl or <br> al $\begin{aligned} & \text { breik, } \\ & \text {, }\end{aligned}$ stucco | $\bullet$ living room walls <br> - dining room walls <br> - family room walls <br> - ceilings <br> - powder rooms <br> - guest bathrooms <br> - hallways <br> - wood paneling <br> -drywall <br> - exterior siding | - living room walls <br> - dining room walls <br> - family room walls <br> - ceilings-if surface <br>  bedrooms <br> - playrooms <br> - hallway and stairway walls <br> - wood paneling <br> -drywall | $\bullet$ kitchen walls <br> - bathroom walls <br> - windows <br> - doors <br> - trim <br> - ceilings--if surface is <br> Rerfartuays and stairway <br> - walls <br> - woodwork (trim) | - kitchen walls <br> - bathrooms walls <br> - doors <br> - trim <br> - cabinets in kitchen and bathroom <br> - molding <br> -wood paneling <br> -dry wall <br> - exterior trim <br> - windows, accents, shutters, doors, and | - trim <br> - cabinets <br> - molding <br> - exterior trim - accents, shutters, doors, and railings |
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## Activity \#2: Talking About Paint Finishes

Handout A
Sales Associate: Can I help you?
Homeowner:
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Homeowner:
Sales Associate: You're welcome.

1. Sales Associate: Can I help you?

Homeowner: Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
Sales Associate: What are you painting?
Homeowner: I'm painting my living room.
Sales Associate: Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.

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Thank you.
You're welcome
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
I'm painting the exterior windows.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish. Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
I'm painting my kitchen cabinets.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
l'm painting my dining room.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
l'm painting my front door.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish. Thank you.
You're welcome.

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Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
I'm painting a playroom.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
I'm painting the interior trim.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish. Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
I'm painting my family room.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
I'm painting the exterior of my house. It's wood siding.
Try a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
Can I help you?
Yes. I need a $\qquad$ paint finish.
What are you painting?
l'm painting my front door.
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## Handout B

## Homeowner \#1

Sales Associate: May I help you with something?
Homeowner:
Yes. I'm looking for a paint finish that is washable.
Sales Associate: What are you painting?
Homeowner: I'm painting my son's bedroom.
Sales Associate: I'd suggest an eggshell or a satin finish.
Homeowner: Thank you.
Sales Associate: You're welcome.

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What are you painting?
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Thank you.
You're welcome.
May I help you with something?
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What are you painting?
l'm painting my front door.
l'd suggest a $\qquad$ or a $\qquad$ finish.
Thank you.
You're welcome.

## Activity \#2: Talking About Paint Finishes

## Homeowner \#2

Sales Associate: May I help you with something?

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Sales Associate: My pleasure.

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## Exterior Paint Surfaces



1 wood siding
2. window sash
3. shutter
4. dormer
5. column or beam
6. porch gable
7. door frame

stucco

wood siding

vinyl or aluminum
siding siding

masonry or brick

