

Making Your Painted Space Work For You!

Surface Solutions Dry Erase Paint Style and Planning Guide

- Ensure that furniture and other obstructions are moved before applying paint
 - Having an obstruction free area before painting will also give you an idea of how you can best use the area.
 - If it doesn't "feel" right, or there are space issues, try rearranging or consider a different surface.
- Use lighting to full effect
 - Try different lighting levels and methods before and after painting
 - Some might prefer direct lighting (track lighting, nearby lamp, etc), others may find it best to have the surface located near a window for more natural lighting.
- Where possible, locate surface in high traffic area if intended use is for communication (to-do list, notes, etc).
 - Good examples of these areas are columns, edges of walls, and near doorways or entrances.
- If painting an area near a work desk, be sure to make the painted surface easy to reach, and plan for a marker and eraser storage area. Questions to ask yourself:
 - Will I need to get up or move to use the surface? Do I want to move?
 - Do I have a holder for pens and/or eraser?
 - Where would be the best position or space for pens and eraser?
 - Are other people going to use this surface? If so, is there an easy path to the surface?
- Using the paint for a meeting or brainstorming area can be very effective, some things to consider are:
 - Be sure to leave space around surface so that it can be easily accessed; allow for more than one person if possible.
 - Multiple holders or a small table for pens and erasers can come in handy when several people are expecting to use the surface at the same time.
 - Consider the reach of the people that will use the surface; too low and it can be awkward to write, too high and it may be impossible to reach!
- Be creative!
 - Try interesting areas such as lower spaces in bedrooms for children, primer and paint a desk to make your desktop dry erase capable, paint near doorways and entryways for quick notes.

Let us know what you've done with your paint! Have some great ideas? Share them with us! We'll post your ideas and pictures to help others plan their spaces!

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