

15 Renovated Bathrooms Painting Mistakes (and how to avoid them)



How hard can it be? Painting renovated bathrooms sounds easy, just buy some paint from a discount shop, slap it on and away you go.....well, maybe not.

You've already installed quality bathrooms features from Renovator Auctions, so why would you devalue the work you've completed, by doing a dodgy paint job?

Use our guide to avoid all the painting mistakes you could make. And it won't be long until you're enjoying a bathroom that has the shiny, new gleam of perfect paint work.

Mistake one - not working out when the problem areas are. Quickly check out bathrooms walls surfaces by shining a bright light on them and mark problem areas on them gently with a sharp pencil – the keyword here is 'gently'. Then address all the problems that could affect your paintwork before you start painting.

Mistake two - not wearing protection. You need to use masks and safety glasses, when painting, sanding and most other home handyman jobs. Also it's best practice to leave all doors and windows open for optimal ventilation.

Mistake three – not preparing the bathrooms wall's surfaces properly.

- make sure the walls are dry and ready for painting.
- definitely treat any mould with either a bathroom mould removal product, or one of the 'home' solutions suggested by [wikihow](#)
- block up any marks and holes left during the bathrooms renovations – for more info on the best way to do this, [click here](#).
- gently sand the bathroom's walls - and yes, there is a technique for sanding, [click here](#) to check it out.

Mistake four – trying to paint around newly installed fittings and tiles. Wrap in plastic or section off areas with painter's tape before you even open a paint tin. Especially remember to cover floors, but beware - plastic drop sheets can be slippery.

Mistake five– painting on extremely hot, humid, wet or cold days. Believe it or not, for the best finish, paint on mild days (or put the heater or cooler on until the paint dries).

Mistake six – choosing trendy colours or textures. Remember, small rooms, especially bathrooms, toilets and laundries, usually look larger, cleaner and fresher if painted in white based colours

Mistake seven - trying to paint water based paint over oil paint just doesn't work, and many renovated bathrooms were originally painted in oils. There is some debate on how to tackle this problem, ask the person who you're buying your paint from the best way to change to water paint.

Mistake eight – buying poor quality paint. Cheap paint rarely gives the same finish as better quality paint. You might have to paint extra layers of cheap paint to get an even, hard wearing finish. And many professionals recommend using paint specifically designed for bathrooms – ask your paint supplier if this is necessary.

Mistake nine – purchasing 'bargain' brushes and rollers. Cheap tools often leave fibres or hairs in the paint, don't absorb paint, and encourage dripping.

Mistake ten – using the wrong size tool. Don't make painting more difficult than it needs to be, use common sense when purchasing tools - for example - small, sharp finished brushes for edges, and don't use the largest rollers you can possibly buy for smaller walls.

Mistake eleven – not doing the edges first. Use a small roller, paint applicator or brush, and complete all the trickier renovated bathrooms wall's edges first.

Mistake twelve – starting in the middle of the wall. It can be difficult enough to keep paint even, so always start at one wall, paint in the same direction and work your way around the room. Keep your brush strokes even, and usually a wall is smoother if your strokes are in the same direction.

Mistake thirteen – using too much or not enough paint. Piling on too much paint can cause drips to form on the wall, and not using enough paint can make surfaces patchy. Try to find a happy medium.

Mistake fourteen – not painting enough layers. Most suppliers suggest at least two layers of paint are needed to give a clean, even surface on your bathrooms walls.

Mistake fifteen – letting paint dry on rollers or brushes. Once you've finished painting either wrap your tools in cling plastic until the next day, or generally rollers are so cost effective to buy, simply throw them away and buy more.



Achieving a nice even finish on bathroom walls isn't rocket science, but it does require some care and attention to detail. If you find that all of this advice is a bit too overwhelming, then call in the professionals.

However, if you do decide to have a go and paint your bathrooms walls, then you could just achieve that massive feeling of pride that all renovators love – the experience of doing a job well done.

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