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Construction *Painter*

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What is a Construction Painter?

Construction painters make things look clean and finished. They use brushes, rollers, and power sprayers to apply paint, stain, and coatings to walls, buildings, bridges, and other structures.



What does a Construction Painter do?

Applying paint makes surfaces attractive and vibrant. In addition, paints and other sealers protect interior and exterior surfaces from weather, mold, and erosion.

Because there are several ways to apply paint, workers must be able to choose the proper tool for each job, such as the correct roller, power sprayer, and the right size brush. Choosing the right tool typically depends on the surface to be covered and the characteristics of the finish.

Construction painters do the following:

- ✓ Cover floors and furniture with drop-cloths and tarps to protect surfaces
- ✓ Remove fixtures such as pictures, door knobs, or electric switch covers
- ✓ Put up scaffolding and set up ladders
- ✓ Fill holes and cracks with caulk, putty, plaster, or other compounds
- ✓ Prepare surfaces by scraping, wire brushing, or sanding to a smooth finish
- ✓ Calculate the area to be painted and the amount of paint needed
- ✓ Apply primers or sealers so the paint will adhere
- ✓ Choose and mix paints and stains to reach desired colour and appearance
- ✓ Apply paint or other finishes using hand brushes, rollers, or sprayers

A few construction painters—mainly industrial—must use special safety equipment. For example, painting in confined spaces such as the inside of a large storage tank, requires workers to wear self-contained suits to avoid inhaling toxic fumes.

When painting bridges, tall buildings, or oil rigs, construction painters may work from scaffolding, bosun's chairs, and harnesses to reach work areas.

Are you suited to be a construction painter?

Construction painters have distinct personalities. They tend to be realistic individuals, which means they're independent, stable, persistent, genuine, practical, and thrifty. They like tasks that are tactile, physical, athletic, or mechanical. Some of them are also conventional, meaning they're conscientious and conservative.

Workplace of a Construction Painter

Because construction painters apply finishes to a wide variety of structures—from bridges to the interiors and exteriors of buildings—they may work both indoors and out.

Painting requires a lot of climbing, bending, kneeling, and stretching. Industrial construction painters typically work outdoors in dry, warm weather.

Those who paint bridges or building infrastructure may be exposed to extreme heights and uncomfortable positions; some construction painters work suspended with ropes or cables.