



Wall painter

Description

The painter's area of work is versatile and includes work on new buildings and renovation of facilities. To protect facades, walls, metal and wooden surfaces from the weather, a painter applies additional layer of paint and protective agents, new external paint on the building, e.g. if the old one was destroyed by the weather or a new paint is required. Before starting his work, the painter places protection in the space and prepares tools and material for work. In order to get a required shade of colour, the painter carefully selects and mixes paints until he gets the right shade which he later applies on walls, fences and objects. To apply paint properly, the painter performs painting, skim coating and wall and ceiling smoothing. He also hangs wallpapers and gypsum decorations on the wall on request. Equipment and machines make the painter's work easier, but a traditional craft with exciting art techniques remain his primary activity.

The largest part of the work is performed on the spot, mainly in the closed space. Working hours often vary depending on the type of the task and facility in which they work. Many painters work on their own or with several colleagues according to the order. That is why the communication with customers is vital. A painter works precisely and patiently, therefore endurance and manual dexterity are essential, too.

Desirable traits/requirements

- Manual dexterity/ hand skills;
- Endurance and patience;
- Creativity and sense of colour and shape,
- Good perception;
- Spatial orientation;
- Accuracy/Precision;
- Communication skills;
- Organization skills.

Positive aspects:

- A painter is a master of his craft and he has a versatile and responsible job. He performs his job by himself from the beginning till the end.

Negative aspects:

- Painter's job requires prolonged standing, endurance and perseverance. Work with direct customers/clients can be demanding and uncertain.

Career path/ fields of work

The painter's job requires completion of a three-year secondary vocational education.

Painters may be hired by the construction companies, painting contractors or they may work on their own.