

Paint Sheens

High Gloss	Kitchens, Door and Window Trim
Semi-Gloss	Kitchens, Bathrooms, Chair Rails
Satin	Family Rooms, Foyers, Hallways, Kids' Bedrooms
Eggshell	Dining Rooms, Living Rooms
Flat	Ceilings, Closets

Oil Based Paint best for...

Exterior areas with heavy "chalking" (powdery substance on surface)
 Repainting exterior areas with four or more layers of oil-based paint.
 Never used on fresh masonry or galvanized iron.
 Interior trim and cabinets

<http://www.californiapaints.com/Project-Guides/Painting-Basics/Before-You-Begin/Choosing-Paint-Type.aspx>

Acrylic-based paint

Exterior wood that experiences freezing temperatures
 New stucco and masonry
 Weathered aluminum or vinyl siding
 Interior walls
 Interior trim

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The flatter the paint, the better it hides surface imperfections
 Colorant adds sheen. The richer the color, the shinier it will be; you may want to step down a sheen.
 Gloss surfaces are less porous and therefore more mildew resistant.
 The higher the gloss, the more washable and scrubbable the surface.
 The glossier the finish, the greater the durability.
 The glossier the paint, the higher the price.

Miscellaneous Advice

Surface prep is 75-90% of the success of a repaint.
 Good painters are really just good sanders.
 Don't buy cheap paint. You really do get what you pay for.
 A primer coat and two finish coats should do a good job when the repaint is roughly the same color.
 Make sure your acrylic paint is 100% acrylic. It is more durable than vinyl acrylic paint.

Brushes

Acrylic	Use a synthetic-bristle brush
Oil	Use a natural-bristle brush



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