

FARROW & BALL®

HANDCRAFTED PAINT AND WALLPAPER

PRODUCT ADVICE SHEET

Flat Eggshell

All Farrow & Ball paints are water based, making them low-odour, low-VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds), and quick to dry. They also score the highest possible A+ rating for indoor air quality in accordance with the independently conducted French Indoor Air Quality Decree N° 2011-321 – Arrêté April 2011.

Product Overview:

Flat Eggshell is our low sheen, super tough finish for interior wood, metal and concrete. Scrubbable, stain-resistant and scuff-resistant, it's even tough enough for floors. With a 20% sheen, it subtly highlights skirting boards, stairs and kitchen cabinets for a classic look. It's quick drying, quick curing and impressively long lasting.

Not Suitable For:

Not suitable for exterior decking or other pressure treated wood. This product isn't suitable for basements or buildings without a functioning, damp-proof course and membrane because this can cause failure between the paint and surface being painted, which can include flaking, peeling and blistering. Not suitable for floors that are subject to frequent vehicle movement. Not suitable for Calcium Sulphate, Anhydrite or Hemi-hydrate screeds.

Available in: 750 ml US Gallon

For colour availability, please visit farrow-ball.com. Available to order direct from farrow-ball.com, through our Customer Services team at NASales@farrow-ball.com or call: (1)-888-511-1121), our Showrooms and selected stockists internationally.

Recommended Primer & Undercoats:

For use on interior woodwork: Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat

For use on metal: Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat

For use on interior walls & ceilings: Farrow & Ball Wall & Ceiling Primer & Undercoat

For use on unsound masonry and interior concrete floors: Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer

Priming and Undercoating Advice:

Using a Farrow & Ball Primer & Undercoat or mist coat seals the surface you're painting on. You should have a full, solid coat of Farrow & Ball Primer & Undercoat or mist coat before applying your topcoat, to ensure that your chosen Farrow & Ball finish sticks to it fully, is evenly absorbed, and has a smooth and even finish with rich depth of colour. Don't over dilute the Farrow & Ball Primer & Undercoat or mist coat. This will reduce their opacity, causing an uneven finish and incomplete colour development. Before applying the top coat, consider if a second, undiluted coat of Farrow & Ball Primer & Undercoat or mist coat is needed to achieve full opacity. This is especially important if there is a significant colour change.

Before You Begin Painting:

To get the best out of Farrow & Ball finishes, it's important to make sure your surface is correctly prepared. Poor preparation is the main cause of most paint problems. Surfaces must be in a sound condition, clean, dry and free from any surface contamination, such as dirt, dust, grease, mould and loose/ friable material. The surface should also be lightly sanded to create a slight texture for better adhesion, and then any resulting dust wiped away.

Some walls and ceilings have a high pH, particularly those that have been lime rendered or had a silicate-based or mineral-based paint applied. These require a specialist paint finish as Farrow & Ball finishes are only suitable for surfaces with a pH of less than 10. If in doubt, test the pH of your surface by dampening it with water and using litmus paper. You should also give particular attention to kitchens, bathrooms and other areas of high humidity, as differences in temperature can cause condensation, which can lead to surface defects if the paint is not fully cured.

For interior wood, if the surface is resinous or knotty then follow the instructions below for knotty or resinous wood preparation. For more severe knots, consider using a knotting solution or an aluminium-based wood primer or even completely remove the knot and replace with a wooden plug.

For interior metal, follow the advice given below for ferrous, non-ferrous, galvanised and radiator preparation. For cast iron, we recommend that a specialist primer is applied prior to painting as water-based primers may lead to flash rusting.

Surface Imperfections:

If you have any surface imperfections, no matter how small, they need to be removed before paint application, as the colour and sheen level will only highlight, imperfections, the higher the sheen level the more they are highlighted. Imperfections will look less apparent if a matt finish is applied, but they will still be there and noticeable in different light conditions. Where a Level 5 finish (the best possible finish) is needed, you should fill, flat and repaint several times. This means after the mist coat or first coat has been applied, you use an appropriate filler on imperfections or seams, lightly sand this down to smooth and then paint on a layer of topcoat. You should repeat this process again until no imperfections are visible. This is typically needed for plasterboard or high gloss finishes where lighting conditions can highlight any imperfections. Remember the final finishing coat due to its flow and levelling characteristics will only reflect the standard of the underlying prepared surface, if primers and undercoats are applied with imperfections they too will need to be flatted before finished topcoats are applied as once again, they will be highlighted.

LEAD WARNING!

If you scrape, sand, or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Health & Safety Advice:

CA WARNING: Risk of cancer from exposure to acetaldehyde, 1,4-dioxane, formaldehyde, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate and vinyl acetate, and reproductive harm from exposure to ethylene oxide and methanol. See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
Safety: Safety data sheet available on request. Read label before use. Ensure good ventilation during application and drying. Respirable droplets may be formed when sprayed. Do not breathe spray or mist. To avoid breathing vapours and spray mist, open windows and doors or use other means to ensure fresh air during application and drying. If adequate ventilation cannot be provided wear an approved particulate respirator (NIOSH approved). Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use. **Wear eye protection and protective clothing during application. Keep out of reach of children.** If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. All Farrow & Ball products comply with all applicable regulations, laws and standards which are administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Regulatory information available at farrow-ball.com. When sanding any surface prior to painting, the creation of dust should be kept to a minimum and adequate & suitable Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) should be worn as a sensible precaution.

Colour Accuracy:

Check for colour accuracy prior to use as Farrow & Ball will not be liable for decorating costs caused as a result of an incorrect colour being applied. When more than one tin of the same colour is to be used ensure that batch numbers are identical or intermix before use. Stir thoroughly before use. Please note that different application tools (e.g. brush, roller, spray) may give a slight visual difference in the final colour. For some darker shades, finishes with different sheen levels painted alongside each other may appear to vary slightly in colour when viewed at certain angles.

Cleaning Prior to Painting:

For best results, make sure your surface, tools and product are clean before you begin. For most surfaces we would recommend using a dilute Sugar Soap solution following the manufacturer's instructions. We do not recommend using solvent-based cleaning products or strong alkaline solutions as these can impact adhesion. After cleaning, wipe the surface with a damp cloth and allow to dry. When opening a new tin of paint, don't allow any dust or debris to fall from the lid into the contents. If you're reusing a tin of paint, we recommend straining it. Make sure your tools are clean, including your stirrer, and we recommend dampening your brush or roller then removing excess water before loading with paint.

Previously Painted Interior Wood (Not Floors) Preparation:

Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Remove any areas of old paint which are peeling or blistering as flaking or peeling can occur if you paint over weak paint layers. Blend and 'feather' the edges of areas of old paint, as this helps to smooth out the surface. Fill any cracks, holes and open joints with an appropriate filler. Lightly sand the surface to improve paint adhesion. Patch prime any filled or bare knotty / resinous areas with Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat. Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat (and allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats). Then apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

New and Unpainted Interior Wood (Not Floors) Preparation:

Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Fill any cracks, holes and open joints with an appropriate filler. To improve the paint's adhesion, lightly sand the surface. Prepare any filled, knotty or resinous areas as above and patch prime with Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat. Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat. Allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Repainting Wooden Floors:

Areas of old paint that have peeled or blistered need to be removed. For the best finish and longest service life, as much of the previous coating as possible should be removed. Ensure the floor is thoroughly clean using an appropriate floor cleaner. Sand to a smooth finish, vacuum clean and wipe down with a damp cloth. Allow the wood to dry (less than 10% moisture content). Apply one full coat of Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat to seal. Apply two full coats of Farrow & Ball Flat Eggshell. Not suitable for floors that are subject to frequent vehicle movement.

Interior Bare Wood Floors:

Ensure flooring is fixed securely to prevent movement. Fill any cracks with a non-flexible, paintable wood filler and any open joints with a flexible, paintable wood filler. Ensure the floor is thoroughly clean using an appropriate floor cleaner. Sand to a smooth finish, vacuum clean and wipe down with a damp cloth. Allow the wood to dry (less than 10% moisture content). Prepare any knotty or resinous areas as above and patch prime with Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat followed by one full coat to seal. Apply two full coats of Farrow & Ball Flat Eggshell. Not suitable for floors that are subject to frequent vehicle movement.

Concrete Floors:

Old or unsound surfaces must be repaired and filled allowing adequate time to cure before repainting. New concrete should be left at least 3 months before painting. Follow with one coat of Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer. Painted concrete floors: Clean and remove any surface debris. Rub down any areas that have peeled or blistered, to achieve a good 'key'. Apply Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer to areas of exposed concrete. This product isn't suitable for concrete floors in basements or buildings without a functioning, damp-proof course and membrane because this can cause failure between the paint and surface being painted, which can include flaking, peeling and blistering. Not suitable for floors that are subject to frequent vehicle movement.

Interior MDF Preparation:

Where possible always aim to use high quality MDF, as higher quality MDF tends not to suffer from raised fibres and so will not require surface sanding. Lower quality MDF may contain less tightly bound fibres, which may become raised as paint is applied. If the fibres do become raised, lightly sand the surface between coats to ensure a smooth finish. Lightly sand the edges of the MDF to provide a sound surface and to reduce paint absorption. When sanding MDF, try to create as little dust as possible and wear the appropriate Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE). Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat and allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Ferrous Metal Preparation:

Thoroughly clean and degrease new and previously painted metal surfaces. Remove any weak paint and rust back to bare metal. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats. Cast Iron: We recommend that a specialist primer is applied to Cast Iron surfaces prior to painting as water-based primers may lead to flash rusting.

Non-Ferrous Metal Preparation:

Thoroughly clean and degrease new and previously painted metal surfaces. Remove any weak paint and lightly sand surface to improve adhesion of your primer & undercoat. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Galvanised Metal Preparation:

Treat all surfaces with an Etch Primer or Mordant Solution, ensuring any excess product is removed before you begin painting. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Radiator Preparation:

This product is suitable for painting conventional hot water filled radiators where the surface temperature does not exceed 140° F. We do not recommend using this product to paint steam filled radiators which operate at a much higher temperature. Ensure the radiator is turned off and has cooled before you begin painting it. Thoroughly clean and degrease new or previously painted radiator surfaces. Remove any weak paint and rust back to the original surface. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat and allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats. Cast Iron Radiators: We recommend that a specialist primer is applied to Cast Iron surfaces prior to painting as water-based primers may lead to flash rusting.

Previously Painted Walls Preparation:

Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Wall & Ceiling Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat (and allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats). Then follow with two coats of your chosen colour to promote adhesion and full colour depth. Before applying the top coat, consider if a second coat of Farrow & Ball Wall & Ceiling Primer & Undercoat is needed to achieve full opacity. This is especially important if there is a significant colour change.

New or Unpainted Plaster/Dry-Lined Surfaces (Modern Construction) Preparation:

Make sure the plaster is clean, dry and free of dust, then suitably primed and undercoated prior to painting. For best results and maximum depth of colour, dilute your Farrow & Ball topcoat and use this as a mist coat as follows: Bare dry skim plaster/dry lined walls, bare dry plaster board, patch filled plaster = 25% water (1 part water : 3 parts paint). NB: The dilution rate will depend on the porosity of the surface, so we recommend testing a patch. You can do this by splashing some clean water onto the surface and see how much has sunk in after a minute. Please note: When porous plasters are not sufficiently prepared, difficulties in application, cracking, drying, variation in sheen or uneven colour may occur. Follow with two coats of your chosen topcoat. Please note: British Standard 6150 recommends a typical drying time for new plaster of 7 days for every 5mm thickness.

Painting Lining Wallpaper:

For unpainted Lining Paper, dilute your chosen paint with approximately 10% water and apply as a "mist" coat before applying two full coats. The dilution rate will depend on the porosity of the surface. We recommend you test the level of dilution on a patch to determine the level of dilution required. Please note: When porous papers are not sufficiently prepared, difficulties in application, variation in sheen or uneven colour may occur.

Painting Over Interior Wood Fillers:

Follow the filler manufacturer's application instructions and drying times and patch prime with Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat. Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat. Allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Painting Over Interior Wall Fillers:

For best results, always use a filler with the same porosity and density as the surface being repaired. Using fillers with a different porosity or density may cause visible differences in colour. Follow the manufacturer's application instructions and drying times, then spot prime with your chosen Farrow & Ball paint, diluted with approximately 25% water. Allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats then follow with two full coats of your chosen topcoat to promote adhesion and full colour depth. Please note: this product may not be compatible with highly alkaline, cement-based or sand-based fillers. We recommend using an alternative type of filler. However, if no alternative is available, ensure the filler is adequately sanded and free of all dust and contaminants, then spot prime with an alkali-resistant primer before proceeding with the steps outlined above. If you're redecorating and have used Farrow & Ball Wall & Ceiling Primer & Undercoat, then a 25% diluted coat of Farrow & Ball Wall & Ceiling Primer should be used to spot prime the filler to match surface porosity.

Using Interior Caulks & Sealants:

Where small gaps and cracks require filling or sealing, best results are achieved with an acrylic based professional painter's caulk which is a water-based, flexible filler. Use the minimum of caulk necessary as a smaller bead will dry quicker and will be less prone to cracking. Follow the manufacturer's application instructions and drying times (typically 2 – 3 hours) before applying your chosen Farrow & Ball finish. Estate Eggshell, Flat Eggshell, Modern Eggshell, Full Gloss and Dead Flat – Apply an undiluted coat of Wood Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat (allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats) followed by 2 coats of your chosen top coat (once again allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats). Estate Emulsion and Modern Emulsion – Apply an undiluted coat of Wall & Ceiling Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat (allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats) followed by 2 coats of your chosen top coat (once again allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats).

Knotty or Resinous Wood Preparation:

Heat the knot to draw out any excess resin (we recommend using a hot air paint stripper). Scrape off any residue resin, and then thoroughly clean the area with white or methylated spirit. Allow the area to dry thoroughly before continuing.

Oily Wood Preparation:

Certain woods, such as oak, teak and rosewood, can be quite oily and need additional preparation. Wearing gloves, clean the surface with a cloth soaked with methylated spirits. Continue until the cloth can be rubbed over the surface and removed without any discoloration. Methylated spirits are hazardous, so always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Wipe the surface with hot water and a sugar soap solution and allow to dry fully. Prepare any filled, knotty or resinous areas by patch priming with Farrow & Ball Wood Primer & Undercoat. Allow to dry, then apply one undiluted coat to the whole surface. Allow four hours drying time between coats. Follow with two coats of your chosen topcoat.

Waxed or Highly Polished Surface Preparation:

If you are painting onto previously waxed or highly polished surfaces, you will need to remove the existing coating of treatment by sanding back prior to painting. We recommend testing a small area as Farrow & Ball paints may not be compatible with some waxes and polishes.

Difficult Surfaces (e.g. Melamine, PVC, ABS, Wall Tiles, Laminates etc.):

Difficult surfaces such as melamine, PVC, ABS, wall tiles and laminates will require careful preparation prior to painting. The surface may need to be degreased with a proprietary cleaner, lightly abraded to achieve a physical key and thoroughly cleaned prior to any coating being applied. Best results will then be achieved by applying a specialist adhesion primer following the manufacturer's instructions prior to applying your chosen Farrow & Ball finish.

Underfloor Heating:

Prior to application, the heating must be switched off for 48 hours to allow the surface area to cool down. Once surface has been painted, allow a further 48 hours before the heating is switched back on.

Preparing Concrete Surfaces for Painting:

Leave new concrete uncoated for at least 3 months before painting. Repair and fill any old or unsound concrete surfaces, allowing adequate time for the filler used to cure. Once completely dry, brush the surface with a stiff bristled brush to remove any surface dust. Prime any areas that remain powdery with Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer. For interior concrete floors only apply one full coat of Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer followed by two coats of Farrow & Ball Flat Eggshell allowing the recommended drying times between coats. Do not use Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer as a general primer on sound concrete surfaces other than interior concrete floors.

Painting Interior Brickwork:

Farrow & Ball Flat Eggshell may be used on interior brickwork – with the exception of Fletton bricks – but we recommend taking a few extra precautions before and during application. Make sure all dirt, mould, salts and other visible contaminants are removed with a stiff bristle or synthetic brush or specialist cleaner, ensuring the brickwork is fully dry before applying any coatings. We also recommend checking that all mortar is fully cured before painting. Extra care should be taken when painting solid brick walls, and any walls that aren't damp-proofed, as loss of adhesion may occur and salts may appear. Farrow & Ball Flat Eggshell is supplied ready for use, but water may be added at a 10% ratio to assist application on sound bare surfaces. We do not recommend the use of Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer, as this is not intended as a general primer for sound brick surfaces.

How to Apply Paint to Trim by Brush:

Stir thoroughly before use. By 'trim' we mean: Baseboards, picture rails, chair rails, doors, door frames and architraves, interior window sills and window frames (providing they aren't plastic). Farrow & Ball paints are water borne, and unlike solvent borne paints, water borne paint is more resistant to sagging and you will achieve the best finish by painting a thicker coat. For best results use a quality fine-tipped synthetic bristled paint brush (e.g. Farrow & Ball paint brush). Load the brush well and apply a generous first coat. Brushing first in a vertical direction then in a horizontal direction until an even coating has been applied. Finish by 'laying off' the paint in one direction using light pressure, with the brush held at an angle of approximately 30°. Do not "overwork" the paint or attempt to brush it out in thin even coats as you would a traditional solvent borne paint as this may create excess brush marks. Allow to dry completely (for a minimum of 4 hours) before applying a second coat following the same technique as before. When painting doors or cabinetry, it's important to lay off (paint your final strokes) in the direction of the grain, finishing the brush stroke at the visible carpentry joints for a flawless finish.

How to Apply Paint to Trim by Roller:

Stir thoroughly before use. By 'trim' we mean: baseboards, picture rails, chair rails, doors, door frames and architraves, interior window sills and window frames (providing they aren't plastic). This paint finish can also be applied using a medium pile woven polyester roller. This will provide a good finish with minimal stippling and is a quick method of application. However, where an optimum finish is required, we would recommend brush application using a fine-tipped, synthetic bristled brush (e.g. Farrow & Ball paint brush).

How to Apply Paint to Walls by Brush:

Stir thoroughly before use. Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Please note that flaking or peeling may occur if you paint over weak paint layers - to avoid this sand back any previous weak paint layers before you start painting. Where required apply Farrow & Ball Wall & Ceiling Primer & Undercoat to improve paint adhesion and promote depth of colour. Using a fine-tipped synthetic bristled brush, apply the paint in a vertical direction then spread the paint out evenly in a horizontal direction. On application of the final coat lay off the paint in a single direction to ensure that any brush marks and brush patterning effects (sometimes visible in certain lighting conditions) are minimised.

How to Apply Paint to Walls by Roller:

Stir thoroughly before use. Using a medium pile woven polyester roller, apply the paint in diagonal strokes to create either an 'M', 'W' or 'V' shape. Fill in and over the shape you have just painted to spread the paint evenly. Repeat this process, working in small sections. Always work from wet to dry areas, maintaining a wet edge to minimise roller marks. On application of the final coat lay off the paint in a single direction to ensure that any roller patterning effects (sometimes visible in certain lighting conditions) are minimised.

Preparation for Spraying:

When spraying Farrow & Ball paints onto any given surface, it is important to remember that the resulting finish will only be as good as the surface you are applying it to. Most surfaces will need to be clean and degreased, prepared by surface filling, sanding and then suitably primed/undercoated. Flattening with finishing papers in between coats as required, to achieve a smooth flat surface before spraying your chosen Farrow & Ball finish. This process may need to be repeated several times to obtain a satisfactory surface, which is suitable for the type of finish that is desired. Make sure your spraying apparatus (including the gun and compressor unit) is appropriate for the size of the area being painted and your chosen finish. If dilution is required, keep this to the minimum possible according to the instructions of your apparatus and our suggested dilution ratios.

Spray Settings:

Airless Spraying – Best results can be achieved with a typical set up of a 312 nozzle tip and 85 bar air injection pressure. Note that these are typical settings for most airless spray systems and some adjustment of the air pressure in relation to the nozzle tip will be required depending on the make and model of airless spray apparatus used. **HVLP Spraying** – Depending on the apparatus used, the paint may need to be diluted with water by up to 5%. Experiment with air control valve, material flow adjustment, fan size and spray pattern settings on a piece of cardboard or an inconspicuous area until a satisfactory finish is achieved. Apply several thin coats, allowing each coat to dry fully before applying the next one. A typical air pressure of 9.5 psi with a 1.5 mm needle/nozzle gives good results. We do not recommend HVLP spray application for large areas such as walls & ceilings.

Suggested Maximum Dilution Rates:

Bare dry skim plaster/dry lined walls, bare dry plaster board, patch filled plaster = 25% water (1 part water : 3 parts paint). NB: The dilution rate will depend on the porosity of the surface, so we recommend testing a patch. You can do this by splashing some clean water onto the surface and see how much has sunk in after a minute. Dilute the topcoat (of your chosen colour) with around 25% water and apply as a mist coat. Please note: When porous plasters are not sufficiently prepared, difficulties in application, cracking, drying, variation in sheen or uneven colour may occur.

Masking:

Masking tapes are available in a range of tack levels. Always use a quality masking tape which is appropriate to the decorating project. Some masking tapes incorporate proprietary paint locking technology which can give a superior result. Remove the masking tape while the paint is still slightly wet by pulling gently and slowly at an angle of 45°. If the masking tape is left on too long then trimming along the edge with a sharp blade may be required.

Picture Framing/Hatbanding

As Flat Eggshell has a mid sheen finish, care should be taken when painting darker shades of colour. Always keep a wet edge while painting as losing the wet edge during application can lead to a common designing problem known as “Flashing” (a halo effect where two edges of paint meet).

Other Product Applications:

If you wish to use Farrow & Ball products for any applications which are not featured here, please contact Customer Services for advice on (1) 888-511-1121 or email customer.services@farrow-ball.com. Please note that calls may be recorded for training purposes.

Storage Advice:

This product is water based and should be protected from frost and extreme temperatures. We recommend using within 6 months of purchase and are unable to accept responsibility for the deterioration of contents or packaging after this date. This product contains preservatives to protect from spoilage under normal conditions. To minimise contamination and provide maximum shelf life we recommend that the product is decanted into a clean paint kettle before use and all tools are thoroughly cleaned before and after each use. Repeated opening and use can increase the risk of microbial contamination; therefore we recommend keeping this to a minimum to maximise the shelf life of the product.

Water Contact:

To extend the service life of this finish, standing surface water should not be allowed to pool on horizontal surfaces.

Environmental & Disposal Advice:

Prevent release to the environment. Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Dispose of contents/container to waste disposal site in accordance with local/national regulations. Contact the local Environmental Department for disposal instructions. Metal containers may be recycled.

Chemical Strippers:

If the surface has existing paint in poor condition or there are many layers and detail has been lost, it may be best to strip the paint with chemical paint stripper. These products can be hazardous, so always follow the manufacturer's instructions and wear protective equipment. Once the paint has been removed, the chemical stripper may need to be neutralised with a neutralising solution. Again, follow the manufacturer's instructions, rinsing with clean water and checking the pH until it's less than eight. Allow the surface to fully dry before applying the correct Primer & Undercoat and your chosen topcoat.

Clean Up:

Remove as much product as possible from brushes or rollers before cleaning.

Cleaning Surface Stains:

When cleaning, wipe gently with a soft damp microfibre cloth or sponge, keeping the area you work over to a minimum. Some cleaning solutions may mark the surface so be sure to test on an inconspicuous area before use and do not use bleach-based cleaning products. More stubborn stains may require treatment with decorator's cleaning wipes or cleaning spray. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Surface scuffs and marks can sometimes appear more visible on darker colours – but these can be easily wiped away with a damp microfibre cloth. Staining can be minimised if you use an absorbent tissue or cloth to remove as much of the stain as possible, as quickly as you can – not allowing time for the stain to penetrate the surface.

Cleaning:

Flat Eggshell is washable & wipeable. Wipe gently with a soft damp cloth or sponge. Some cleaning solutions may mark the surface. Test on an inconspicuous area before use. Do not use bleach-based cleaning products.

Advice for Repairing Damage and Touching In:

To achieve the best results, we recommend applying a coat of paint over the entire wall or walls, using the same batch of paint you originally carried the work out with. This best practice will avoid any noticeable variation in colour or finish. If your paintwork becomes damaged or marked, you may need to repaint. If you do choose to touch-in to repair damage, the following recommendations will help you achieve the optimum finish.

1. Always aim to use the same batch of paint. If you use a different batch, although we control colour to tight specifications, you may observe slight colour and sheen variations. If you are unable to use the same batch of paint we recommend that you apply a single coat of a different paint batch to an entire wall as any slight variations will be much less noticeable when observing from wall to wall.
2. Always use the same preparation techniques when you make any repairs as you used when you originally painted the wall. It may not always be possible to achieve a perfectly consistent finish – if for example you have used filler which has a different texture and absorbency to the rest of the wall, this may cause a slightly patchy finish.
3. Always use the same application tool and method as when you originally painted this wall. Ensure that the edges of the touched in paint are blended in “feathered” to make the transition between old and new paint areas less noticeable.
4. Over time the colour of the paint, whether on the wall or in the tin, may slightly alter. Therefore the newer the paintwork is, the better the finish you will achieve by touching-in.

Please note that when touching in the darker the colour and higher the sheen the more difficult it will be to achieve a uniform finish compared to lighter coloured, lower sheen paints.

Technical Information:

Formulation: A water based paint made using an acrylic binder.

Do not paint in temperatures below 50°F or in excessive heat above 86°F.

Coverage Rate (per coat): Up to 480ft² per US gallon. 95ft² per 750ml

Drying Time: Dry in 2 hours.

Typical Recoat Time: Recoat after 4 hours

Curing Time: Please note that some darker paint colours will take up to 14 days to achieve full hardness, strength and durability.

Sheen Level: 20%

Recommended Number of Coats: 2*

*Darker/stronger colours may require additional coats. Please note: The drying and Recoat times provided are based on applying paint in normal conditions - drying times may be longer in cooler and/or higher humidity environments. Darker colours may take longer to dry. Allow a minimum of 14 days before applying over solvent based coatings.

Density: 1.2 - 1.4 g/cc

Wet Film Thickness: 3.1 - 4.7 MILS (80 - 120 µm)

Application Humidity: < 80 % RH

Wet Abrasion Class: 1

Substrate Moisture Content: Plaster Walls & Ceilings = < 0.5 % : Interior Wood = < 15 % : Interior Brick = < 1 %

Substrate pH: Up to 10

VOC Content Information:

VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) content 2 g/l (Low) when tested to US Environmental Protection Agency standards.



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Contact Us:

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