



Get Painting Brush Guide

Choose the right brush to make painting easier and get professional-looking results. The Dynamic brand offers a complete line of paint brushes for every job. Keep this handy reference to help you choose the best brush for your paint project.

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Task	Brush Width	Brush Head Features	Paint Type Selection
Exterior Siding, Clapboards, Fences, Etc.	4"	Full-Length Straight	Exterior latex paints are more durable and retain their colour better than oil-based paints. Exterior oil-based paints are recommended for surfaces that have heavy chalking or four or more layers of old oil-based paint.
Large, Flat Surface Areas: Interior Walls, Paneling, Floors, Ceilings, Etc.	4"	Full-Length Straight	Either latex or oil-based paint can be used on interior surfaces. Choose a flat paint for interior walls to provide a rich finish and durable, washable eggshell or semi-gloss in kitchens and bathrooms. For high-traffic floor areas, oil-based paints finished with three coats of non-yellowing urethane work best.
Medium Surface Areas: Doors, Floor Boards, Railings, Table Tops, Cabinets, Etc.	2" – 3"	Full-Length Straight	Latex or oil-based paint can be used, although Melamine paint is best for cabinets as it's durable and easy-to-wash. Melamine paints are now available in latex formulations.
Small Surface Areas: Toys, Chairs, Touch-Up Work, Etc.	0.5" to 1"	Full-Length Straight	Latex or oil-based paint can be used, however only water-based paint formulations should be applied to toys and children's play surfaces.
Narrow Surface Areas: Trim, Moulding, Window Frames, Etc.	1" to 2" – use a brush narrower than the trim surfaces being painted.	Shorter Straight	Choose latex or oil-based paint but choose easy-to-clean semi-gloss, gloss or high-gloss sheens for trim and woodwork. Exterior latex paints are recommended for outdoor trim, window frames, etc.
Detail Work and Painting Into Hard-to-Reach Areas	1" to 3.5" – use a brush narrower than the surfaces being painted.	Angled	Latex or oil-based interior paints.
Outdoor Furniture, Small Panels, Etc.	1.5"	Full-Length Straight	Either latex paint or oil-based paint can be used on small panels or other interior surfaces. Exterior latex paints are recommended for outdoor furniture, etc.
Corners That Can't Be Reached With a Roller	2.5"	Angled	Latex or oil-based interior paints.

Paint Type	Brush Head	
Oil-Based (Alkyd) Paint, Stain, Varnish & Urethane	Natural Bristles	<p>A natural-bristled brush is made of animal hair and is the best choice for use with oil-based paint. The bristles are softer and yield a smoother finish than synthetic bristles can.</p> <p>Natural bristles are hollow and absorb the water contained in a latex paint. Because this makes them swell and become very soft and difficult to paint with, this type of brush is not recommended for water-based paints.</p>
Water-Based Paint (Latex)	Synthetic Filament	<p>A brush with synthetic filaments, made of polyester or nylon, is the best choice for use with latex paints as they do not absorb water as natural bristles do.</p> <p>These brushes are also well suited to oil-based paint application.</p>

Get Painting Tip:



Many Dynamic paint brushes are sold in treated cardboard “keepers”. Please refer to the “Instructions For Care” on the back of your brush keeper for proper cleaning techniques. Generally, to clean your paint brush, rinse it in the recommended solvent for the paint used then rinse thoroughly in warm, soapy water. Shake out excess water and comb the bristles or filaments straight with a Dynamic brush comb. Shape the brush by hand while it is still damp and return it to its keeper for storage – the shape of the brush head will be maintained so you can use your paint brush again and again with the same high quality results!