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## **Weekend Projects: Inspirations Paint has the right advice to get the job done!**

With the Australia Day long weekend fast approaching there is no better time to tackle those projects you didn't get to (or started but didn't finish!) over the holiday period. Whether you need to refresh your well used deck, create a beautiful outdoor feature wall for all your friends to admire or revamp your fence with a new coat of paint, we have the tips you need to get your project done.

### **Painting Your Deck**

During the warmer months decks get a lot of traffic from entertaining and spending more time outdoors. As the warmer weather gets us outside the house, it also weathers your timber and decking oils can fade. By applying a regular coat of decking oil to your beloved deck, fence or outdoor furniture, you will protect it while keeping it vibrant and new.

#### **Pro Tips:**

- Preparation is essential! Clean the timber with a bleach-free chlorine solution to prevent premature damage to the wood. Pressure-washing or light sanding is great to remove tough stains.
- Use a brush or sweep pad to apply the oil to the wood, keeping a wet edge to avoid overlapping.
- Do not apply oil in direct sunlight as it will dry too fast and you will get a lap mark on the wood.
- Apply the oil in full lengths onto the boards – steer clear of applying it in square metres.
- Water borne decking oil doesn't mind a slightly damp surface so if time is of the essence, you can get up early apply your first coat over the morning dew and the second coat will be dry before your midday BBQ.

### **Painting Your Fence**

A fresh coat of paint on your fence can improve the aesthetics of your home, frame your house and bring landscapes to life. Inspirations Colour Consultant, Lisa Christie believes you need to determine whether your fence will become the feature or background of your home. "For a more subtle effect it's best to go with darker colours. For a feature fence, choose brighter, bolder shades".

#### **Pro Tips:**

- Trim all grass surrounding the fence.
- Remove any dirt or debris from your fence. Warm soapy water is great for this.
- Consider using a brush, roller or spray gun depending on type of fence.
- Prime the fence before painting. For the best primer to use on your project, consult with the friendly staff at your local Inspirations Paint store.

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For any outdoor paint project, always remember to check the weather forecast to ensure rain isn't on the way. There would be nothing worse than sitting inside watching the rain wash away your hard work. While you're at it, check what the temperature will be for the day.

It is recommended not to paint in temperatures exceeding 30 degrees Celsius. If the weather will be this warm on the day you have chosen to paint outdoors, it's ok to get up early and start painting providing the weather is below 30 degrees Celsius when you start. According to the guys at Inspirations Paint Gladesville and Burwood Heights, "the trick to painting outdoors is to beat the sun. So, if you're painting your house start on the north side follow to the west and if you have time before it gets too hot, the south and east. You can also purchase retardants like Floetrol™ to add to your water based paints. This is great to use in warmer weather as it slows the drying process down by 20 minutes and gives you a smoother finish".

To really get a head start on your paint project in warm temperatures, use your time wisely by waking up as early as possible while it's still cool. It's a great idea to also use water based paints for the simple fact that if your surface is too hot, you are able to cool it with water, making sure to remove any excess water before applying the paint. You can also damp your brush or roller with water before dipping it into the paint – always to remove any excess water; you can do this by flicking your brush or running your roller down a hard surface. This should prevent your paint from drying before applying it and also releases the paint easier on your surface.

In the warmer weather it's important to remember that your outdoor painting project will dry fast, allowing you more time to put your feet up and relax this Australia Day long weekend.

For more helpful paint and colour advice, visit the staff at your local Inspirations Paint store or online at [www.InspirationsPaint.com.au](http://www.InspirationsPaint.com.au)

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