

WOODYS WAREHOUSE HOME GUIDE

Decorating your home

When it comes to decorating, it really pays to plan ahead.

Decorating one room is relatively simple, but if you are going to decorate more, you need to treat the whole project as a military operation. If you can, try and clear all areas of furniture and pictures. This gives your decorator a chance to clean and prep all the rooms at the same time and that means the job will be finished quicker. Why not brighten up a room with a fashionable feature wall and have fun with a splash of colour?



Dirty work

Most of us think of decorating as the 'clean' bit of home improving, but it is deceptively dirty. Sanding and preparing walls and woodwork produces a huge amount of dust. Keep on top of the dusting, even if the work is in full swing. If you leave it until the end of the job, it will turn into a mammoth task. However, be careful. Don't dust if the paintwork is still wet or floors are being polished as you will cover the surfaces with a fine layer of dust.

Preparation

Don't expect your decorator to move the furniture or pictures and curtains – that's really down to you, unless you have negotiated an extra price for this to be done within the quote. Move all valuables and delicate things well out of the way of the decorators to prevent accidents.



Colours

Work out all the colours you want well in advance of the decorator arriving. Use paint colour cards to help you do this. If you change your mind, it will cost more and take more time.



The magic onion

The fumes from gloss paint can be overpowering. Many people swear that if you place half of a raw onion in the corner of each of the rooms, it helps to absorb the fumes. Replace every day with a fresh onion for maximum effect. Or try using water-based silk or gloss finish paints.

Time is money

Your decorator will have costed your job based on a certain amount of days or hours. Remember, if you ask for extras, the job may take longer and he may also have to charge more.