

HOW TO CUT IN A ROOM

By properly cutting into a room, you can actually help shorten the time it takes to paint an entire room.



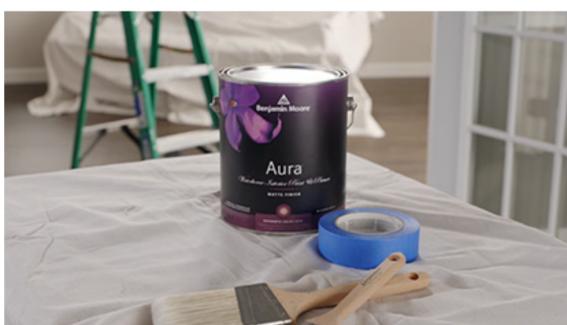
Ceiling lines, outlets, windows, doors, moldings, corner baseboards, trim and more are all surface spaces that are too tight for paint roller use. That's where "cutting in" comes in. Follow these steps to learn how to cut in paint like a pro.

Common questions for cutting into a room include:

- **Can I cut in after I paint walls?** Best practices dictate that you always cut in BEFORE you paint your walls in full, since blending the cut in areas with the painted wall is easier that way.
- **Does the type of painter's tape matter?** Different brands of painter tapes may be better suited for certain wall textures (stucco vs. smooth) and environments (humid vs. dry). Talk to your local Benjamin Moore retailer to figure out the best tape for your project.
- **What is the best angled paint brush for cutting in?** Use a Benjamin Moore 2½-inch angle sash brush for best results.



Watch this video to learn the recommended process for how to cut in paint.



Step #1: Gather the Right Paint & Tools

The best paintbrush for cutting in a room is what we call "the workhorse": a 2½-inch angle sash brush. You will also need painter's tape, drop cloths, a screwdriver, a stepladder and Benjamin Moore interior paint; in this video we've used [Aura](#). Your [Benjamin Moore retailer](#) can help you select the best tools for cutting in paint.

Step #2: Cover Up

Remove as much furniture as possible. What you can't remove, cover with drop cloths. Cover floors, too.



Step #3: Tape Up

Using painter's tape, tape off areas according to your comfort level. You may be able to cut in faster without tape if you're comfortable doing so. Remember to remove outlet and switch plates and tape over the outlets and switches.

Step #4: Cut in the Ceiling Line

Start by cutting in along the ceiling line. Slowly—and carefully—draw the brush along the edge of the ceiling, being careful not to paint on the ceiling itself. Feather the paint 3–5 inches along the wall, painting back into what you just painted.



Step #5: Cut in Switches, Doors and Baseboards

Follow the same process of cutting in and feathering out 3-5 inches from around windows, doors, baseboards and any area that you can't reach with your roller.

Benjamin Moore paints dry fast, so by the time you finish cutting into the room, you'll be ready to paint the entire room with a paint roller. Remember to take your time, read all labels and follow all instructions carefully.

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