

HOW TO PAINT A PORCH CEILING

Nothing adds **curb appeal** to your home quite like an inviting and **well-maintained porch**, and **refreshing the ceiling** adds the perfect finishing touch. You can **count on your neighbors at Ace** to give you a helping hand every step of the way for a paint job you'll be proud of!



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Royal Interior/Exterior Porch + Floor Paint
- Primer
- 9" roller covers and frames
- Paint roller extension pole
- Paintbrushes
- Paint trays and liners
- Drop cloths
- Painter's tape
- Stir stick
- Paint scraper
- Wire brush
- Sandpaper

Before you start your project, move all your outdoor furnishings off the porch to create a clear space to work. Then lay down drop cloths to cover the porch floor and protect it from drips.

The next step is to give your porch ceiling a good cleaning to get rid of dirt, debris and cobwebs. This is important, as you don't want any contaminants spoiling your new finish. Go over the ceiling with a brush or broom, then finish the job with a pressure washer or hose. You'll also want to scrape off any chipped or peeling paint and sand down any rough surfaces. Then, tape off the walls where they meet the ceiling, as well as any other areas you want to protect.



HELPFUL TIP:

Porch and floor paint can also be used indoors on stairs or cement floors.

Once the prep work is done, you're ready to paint. Start off by spot-priming any bare wood to seal it and help guarantee an even finish. Next, take a brush and cut into the perimeter of the ceiling. **Royal Interior/Exterior Porch + Floor Paint** is thicker than wall paint, but it can still splatter, so make sure you're getting even coverage without putting on too much and creating drips.

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HELPFUL TIP:

Make sure you're using the right nap (the nap is the thickness of the roller fabric) for the type of surface you're rolling. A thicker nap will help you get in to grooves and uneven surfaces but may also give a little texture to the paint finish.

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When you're done cutting into the area you plan to paint, start rolling the paint on to the ceiling. Roll back and forth, nice and easy, painting with the grain. If the new shade is similar to the old, you can usually get away with a single coat since you're using a heavier paint. So, one and done, and you'll have a porch ceiling that looks like new!

The great thing about a project like this is you can do it all yourself. Your neighbors at Ace have the paint, supplies and help you need to paint like a pro and get the best results!

If your home was built prior to 1978, check for lead-based paint before you sand or scrape any painting surfaces. Call 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to www.epa.gov/lead for more information.

