

Make painting outdoors easier by following these helpful hints

Matching Colors

When choosing paint colors for the exterior of a house, make certain they enhance the existing materials, such as the roof, siding, brick and stone. Although you may not like the colour of these materials, it is better to work

with them to create an overall scheme than to ignore them.

How Many Colors?

Four exterior colors add up to a great exterior appearance. They are: a body or siding colour, a trim colour, an accent colour such as on shutters and

a punch colour for the door. If you have an attached garage, paint its door lighter or darker than the surrounding body colour. This will help to attract the eye to your front door, not to your garage.

Color Review

Colors look brighter in daylight than under interior lighting conditions so be sure to review your options outdoors in both sunlight and shade—where they will actually be seen.

Shady Advice

Paint in the shade if possible, not in direct sunlight. Be sure the surface on which you are painting is not warm to the touch. The temperature must be at least 10 degrees Celsius (50 degrees Fahrenheit) for 24 hours and there should not be any fog, drizzle, rain or dew present.

Hot Tip

In very hot weather, add 10 percent of appropriate thinner to your paint. This will give you a longer working time and a nicer finish.

Order Please

Apply light colors first and paint with progress ively darker colors. In the event of spills, it is easier to cover light drips and spills with a dark colour than the other way around.

Cover Up
Be sure to

cover surrounding ground, bushes and plants with a canvas or plastic drop sheet as they can be stained by paint products.

Caulk Talk

When painting wood windows, caulk first with a paintable caulking sealer. This will eliminate having to cut in with a brush directly alongside the glass. Instead you will be painting along the edge of the caulk line. If you do happen to get paint on the glass, let it dry and remove it with a razor blade.

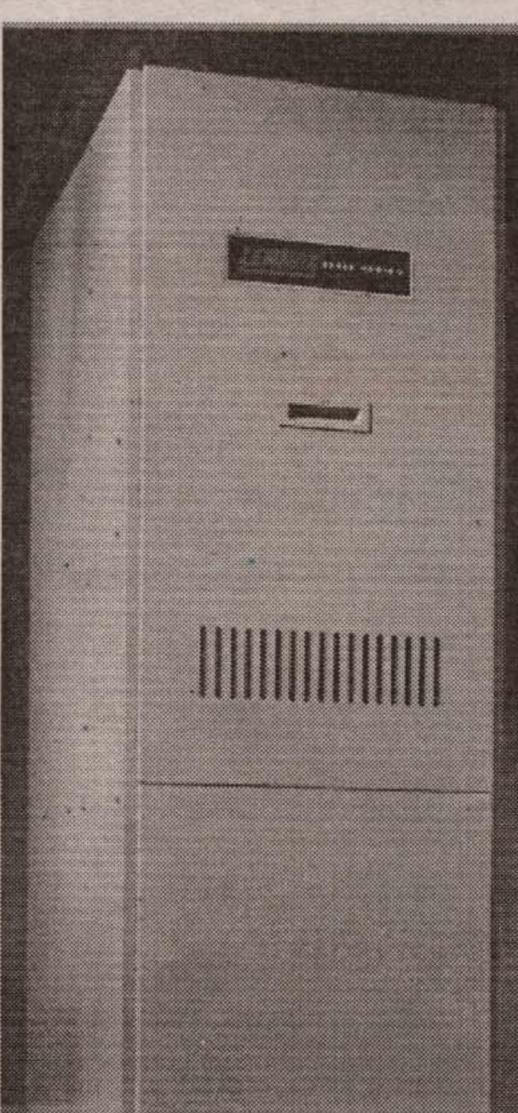
Heavy Metal

When painting any intricate metal work, use spray paint, not a brush. Tape a drop sheet to the backside of the area and spray. When dry, move the drop sheet to the other side and repeat.

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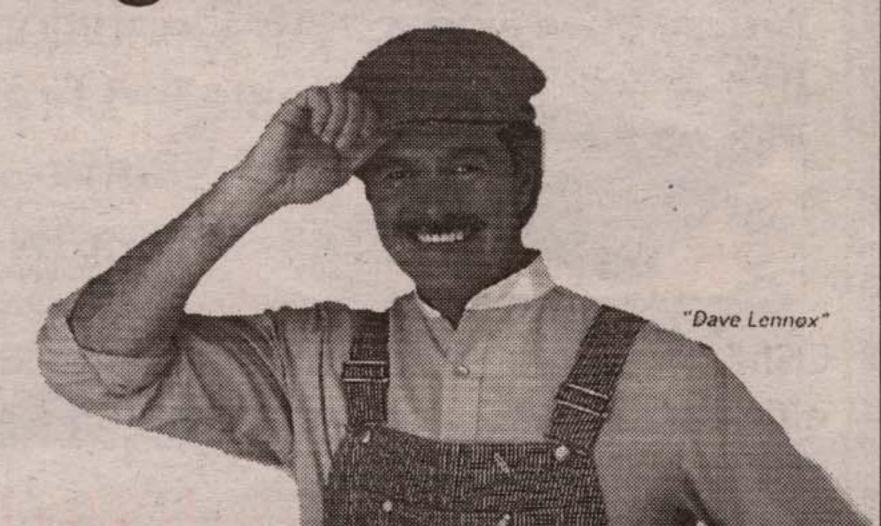




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