

dollhouse ♥ ROCK ♥

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Make your dollhouse home-sweet-home worthy in a weekend—
with a cheery paint job. We'll show you how with a few expert tips!



Dollhouse Exterior Painting Tips

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♥ Supplies ♥

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat gun | <input type="checkbox"/> Masking tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stain (for shingles) | <input type="checkbox"/> Palette knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandpaper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood glue | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels |

♥ Prep the Add-Ons ♥

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When working with a pre-assembled dollhouse, you might want to remove some or all of the add-ons—things like railings, trim, shutters, flower boxes, doors and windows—before you begin painting. This will make painting them much easier and will give you better access to what's behind those pieces.



- Heat a palette knife with a heat gun (or blow dryer).
- Gently slip the knife under the piece you're removing to separate the glue.
- Keep the heat gun aimed at what you're removing so the knife stays hot.

♥ Stain the Shingles ♥

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Now it's time to stain. It's easiest to start at the top and work your way down, so the shingles will be the first order of business. Another advantage to starting with the shingles is that if any stain drips onto other parts of the house, you'll just paint over them later.



- Use wood stain or acrylic paint mixed with 50% water.
- Try working one row at a time, you might find it easier.
- Make sure you dab up the excess paint with a paper towel.

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If you lay the house on one side to paint, the paint will run off the house rather than drip down the roof.





♥ Paint The Exterior ♥

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And now for the outside walls. If needed, lay the house on one side to make the painting process smoother and to allow access to the nooks, crannies and undersides of all the pieces. Because of these difficult-to-reach places, you'll want to keep a small artist's brush on hand.



- Start painting at the top, and work your way down.
- Tape off areas you need to protect, such as the porch floor when you're painting the walls.
- Use two to three coats for nice, even coverage.
- Sand the surface and all edges before applying the second and third coats—this will give you a smooth, blemish-free finish.