

Taylor Cabinet Door Company

Tips on Finishing Paint Grade Doors & Drawers



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

We offer two different types of paint grade doors. Figure 1 is made of solid hardwood and Figure 2 is made of hardwood rails with an HDF core panel.

Care needs to be given in painting these doors. Applying a latex paint, without proper preparation, could ruin them. The following are the steps you will need to do before you paint these doors.

Note: You can use these procedures on your cabinet boxes as well, but prior to the first coat, the cabinet boxes will need to be cleaned and then sanded with #180 grit sand paper.



- 1. Sealing indicating coat:** You will need to use a **Flash Sealer Primer**. This is a primer that dries very fast (10 to 30 minutes). Most spray paint primers will work. It is best to use white; this will help in identifying any filling that needs to be done. All sides need to be seal equally at approximately the same time to avoid warping. After the first side dries, you need to immediately seal the other sides this includes the edges.

We suggest using an odorless primer sealer from



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3. **Sanding:** Sand to a smooth finish with fine 180 grit sandpaper.

Tip: On the details a 3M® sanding block sponge works best.



4. **Primer coat:** Remove all dust and recoat using the same primer.



5. **Touch up fill & sanding:** The difference between a good paint job and a bad one is this step. No matter how long you have been painting little spots get missed. Check the doors and drawers, spot fill and sand smooth all primed spots and any rough spots.



6. **Final prime coat:** Make sure all wood and fill are covered completely with primer. **Ready for paint:** It is important to check the paint to make sure that the primer and paint are compatible. Most all Latex paints will go over any primer. If you are using an oil base paint check to make sure that it will go over your primer. An example of what may not work is a lacquer base primer under an oil base paint. The paint may dissolve the primer, this will cause the door panel and rails then may become a different color.