

HOW TO PAINT BARE WOOD

This document outlines the steps required to prepare and paint bare wood from start to finish. Several money and time saving tips are also covered to help avoid common pitfalls. (Based on the video [“How to Paint Bare Wood”](#) by House One, accessed on 04/05/2026 by Ben Shurtz).

1. Prepare the project

- Sand all wood, including new lumber, to remove any coatings and improve adhesion.
- Wipe away any dust with a clean cloth.

2. Deal with knots

- Use a spray oil-based primer to cover the exposed knots to prevent pigment bleed.

3. Consider a tinted primer

- Use a tinted primer for bright or dark colored top coats.

4. Apply the primer

- Apply primer to the wood and let it dry.
- Sand to smooth raised grain.
- Reapply primer until wood is fully covered.

5. Choose the top coat

- Consult your local hardware store for the recommended top coat and base color.

6. Apply the top coat

- Apply the top coat until the finish is uniform.

By following these steps your project is now ready with a smooth professional finish!

Tips:

- *Sand lightly between coats for smoother results.*
- *Tinted primer for dark or bright colors reduces number of top coats.*
- *Dedicated primers require less coats and save money.*
- *New wood may require several coats of primer since it absorbs heavily.*

How To Paint Bare Wood Process Diagram

