



## PAINTING TIPS

### Special Tips for Painting:

- ❑ When painting, always have:  
Rags, Plenty of drop cloths, Mineral Spirits if oil based paint, buckets to rinse brushes and hands in
- ❑ Always lay drop cloths underneath the areas to be painted! Tape down drop cloths when able. The drop cloths should extend three to four feet off the tip of your brush when you hold it at arms length. Also tape off the area.
- ❑ Identify how and where you can throw away paint trash and what sinks you can use for clean-up.
- ❑ Double-check your equipment! Make sure you have what you need, i.e. the right number of brushes for volunteers, paint trays, masking tape, drop cloths, etc.
- ❑ Always set up a Paint Pouring Station. Set up one location where all paint for each project is stored and poured. Area should be away from the bulk of the work and should be set on top of a taped down drop cloth.
- ❑ Always clean up spills immediately.
- ❑ Never fill up a bucket or roller on the way. If paint is dripping off of a pan or bucket, make sure it is cleaned before leaving the Paint Pouring Station.
- ❑ When cleaning up, carefully look for any spots that might have dripped, especially on shoes. Make sure trash bags are not leaking and that there aren't any holes before moving paint outside.
- ❑ Remember, most paint that ends up on the floor gets tracked there on people's shoes! Be cognizant of what is on the bottom of your shoes! Always know where you have access to water, especially when using latex paint!
- ❑ Have fun!