Interior Painting Business Complete Course

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Begin with the five-step route and keep fictional examples separate from your own evidence.

Five steps to a readiness decision

1. Choose one narrow service — L01 / F01. One eligible modern-drywall wall repaint offer with explicit exclusions.

2. Check local conditions and demand — L02, L04 / F02, F04. A local permission and hazard review plus a small, consent-based demand test.

3. Rehearse the service — L03, L09, L10, L11 / F03, F09, F10, F11. An authorized practice wall, preparation evidence, exact product record and a real coat log.

4. Build a complete estimate — L05, L06, L07, L08 / F05, F06, F07, F08. Assessed scope, measured takeoff, whole-pack purchase, complete time/cost model and conditional written estimate.

5. Decide readiness — L14 / F14. A launch, practice-more, narrow-or-stop decision supported by the complete rehearsal.

Stop at missing conditions or evidence. The route is a study order, not permission to sell or perform unverified work.

Routine brush-and-roller repainting of assessed suitable accessible interior drywall walls, with written small-repair limits, property protection, exact product selection, cleanup and care handoff.

Study the written lessons in order, then use the blank forms and your own-business planner inputs. Exercises include reasoned worked answers. A paper course is not a credential or practical qualification.

The 14 lesson allowances total 660 minutes (11 hours) for reading and the guided form and financial tasks in the program. Allow additional time for independent form revision and rehearsal, practical skill development, and the selected products' real drying and calendar intervals. Those separate activities have no fixed course-wide duration; move on only when the evidence and skill are adequate.

How to begin

Start with L01 and the blank F01 offer and viability form. Establish actual eligible local work and customer willingness before a major purchase. This course contains complete written learning; no externally scheduled video is required.

Read the lessons in order once, then use your blank forms and planner through one complete practice order. The five-stage short route links the existing lessons and forms for a first pass; it does not replace their safety or technical gates. Filled forms, the customer estimate and Case P are explicitly fictional teaching examples, not customer records or permission.

The US jurisdiction example is Austin, Texas. The product example is BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050 with selected spot primer and patch materials. Recheck the actual site, law, labels and combined system before work.

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First action: Write one actual starter offer and list three facts you must establish before purchasing tools: suitable permitted rooms, a complete funded price with matching-scope willingness, and a safe lawful delivery/waste route.

Estimate before actual accounting

Use the independent Estimate sheet before setting a price or receiving money. Every required driver must be known, including confirmed numeric zero. Its conservative arithmetic floor includes a fee-rounding allowance; it is not a market price or readiness proof. Keep the accepted plan in a dated Baseline, then record Quantity, Stock, Your order and one-order Cash actuals separately. Your order C39 links the independent estimate and never requires actual price, receipts or refunds. Marketing ratios require all three matching funnel counts. Earlier-order refunds need their own dated order record; never charge them to this order.

L01 Choose a wall repaint offer that can support a business

Choose and validate an offer. Practice allowance 40 minutes.

Produce: A narrow service description and a documented stop or proceed decision

Use forms F01.

Start with the work you can inspect

A first offer is a promise about a surface, a method, access, and a result. For this course, the offer is brush-and-roller repainting of suitable interior drywall walls in an occupied or vacant home. The operator assesses the existing coating, protects the room, performs agreed small shallow repairs, uses an approved coating system, cleans up, and explains care. Ceilings, trim, doors, closets, and furniture do not become included because someone says 'paint the room.' Name each included surface.

Keep cabinet refinishing, spraying, specialty finishes, high or difficult access, active moisture problems, mold treatment, structural repairs, and hazardous-coating remediation outside this starter offer. A written course cannot establish physical handling skill or safe access competence. Practice the selected work on permitted sample surfaces before selling it. If you cannot produce a repeatable edge, even film, and clean handoff, the next step is instruction and practice rather than a paid room.

Our fictional Case P is a 12-by-14-foot room with eight-foot walls in a 2005 Austin, Texas house. The date and condition are invented. They are not evidence about any learner's home. The case uses a light-to-light repaint of sound previously painted drywall and a small number of shallow nail holes. A water stain, peeling wall, or uncertain old coating would create a different decision.

Test willingness before buying a large kit

Choose a small service area you can actually travel across at the times you expect to work. Ask permission to inspect several candidate rooms and compare the complete effort, not just their floor size. Measure the route, parking, furniture clearance, surface condition, and customer timing. Ask what the customer would want included and whether a realistic, complete price is within consideration. An expression of interest is not a booking.

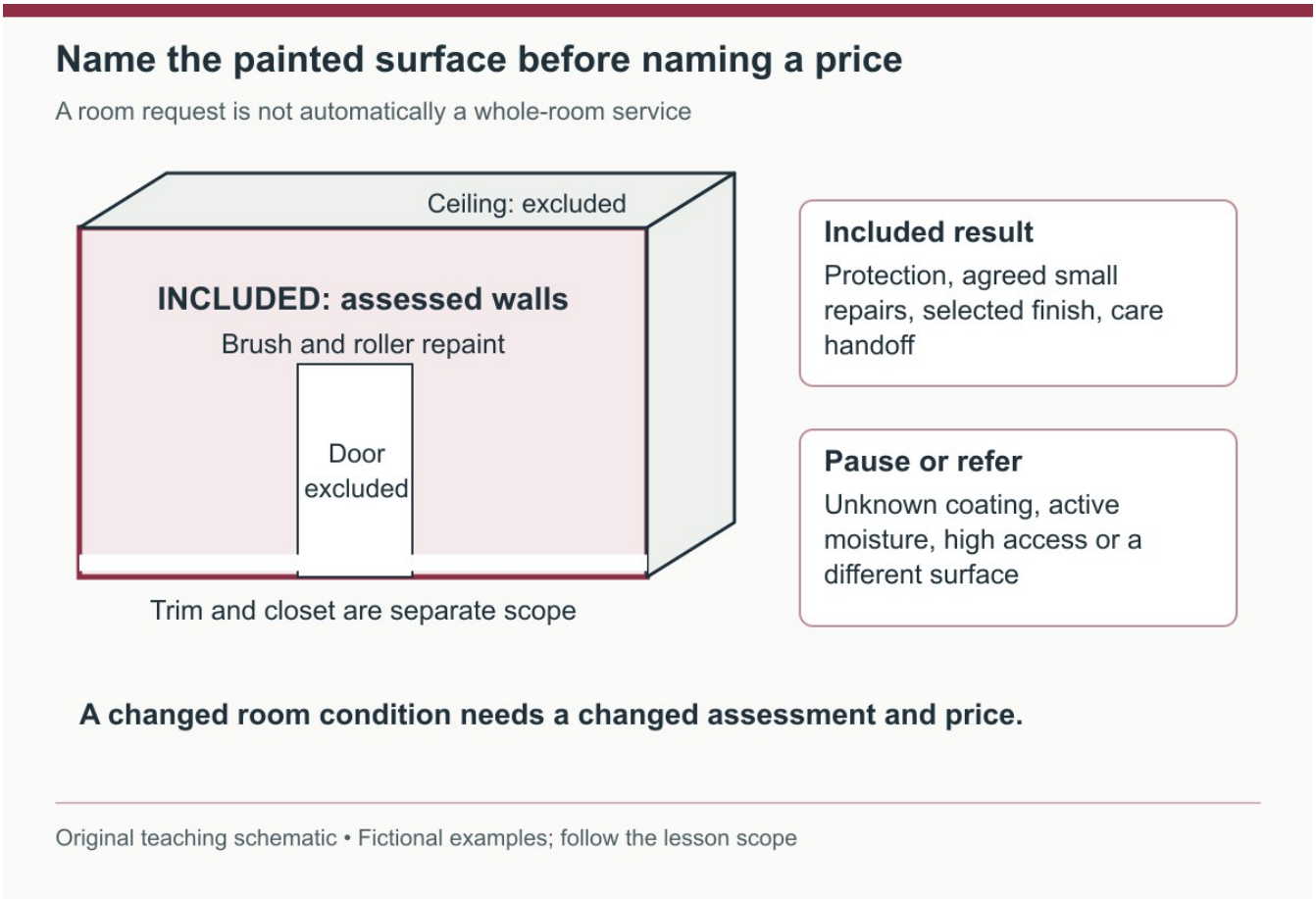
Use the same scope in your customer conversation and cost model. A willingness statement for empty walls does not validate a price that includes moving a furnished office. Record dates and direct evidence in F 01. Never label invented practice inquiries as leads. Delay purchases when you have no suitable lawful jobs, no workable waste route, or no credible willingness to pay enough for the whole owner cycle.

Compare three reversible options: practice with borrowed suitable tools, rent appropriate equipment when the actual rental terms work, or buy a modest reusable kit after viability is supported. A hypothetical $650 kit allowance is a planning ceiling, not a current supplier quote or required spend. Obtain actual prices, suitability, insurance terms, and return conditions before committing.

Write the boundary customers can understand

A useful description is: 'Assessed interior wall repainting by brush and roller, with written surface and preparation scope, room protection, selected finish, and a care handoff. I quote after reviewing wall condition and access. Ceilings, woodwork, and specialty or hazardous work are separately assessed and are not part of this starter service.' This is sample copy, not a claim that the learner is licensed, insured, or experienced.

The first decision is not how many rooms you can sell. It is whether you can safely and lawfully deliver one defined room at a funded price. Keep F 01 open until the evidence supports that decision. A stop decision protects the customer's property and preserves cash for a better business opportunity.



The diagram identifies the selected wall-repaint offer. It does not approve a real surface, access plan or price.

Practice

A prospect accepts $500 for an empty room, then says the quote must also cover two full bookshelves, ceiling stains, and a closet. Does this validate the starter offer?

Worked answer

No. The willingness evidence concerns a different scope. Clarify who clears the room, investigate the stain without promising remediation, and separately assess excluded surfaces. Recalculate the complete job before treating the conversation as viable demand.

Sources: S01, S02. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L02 Resolve permission and coating hazards before disturbance

Choose and validate an offer. Practice allowance 45 minutes.

Produce: A jurisdiction and hazard decision with unresolved items clearly stopped

Use forms F02.

Check the actual Austin lane

The worked jurisdiction is Austin, Texas, and the worked agreement is a lump-sum repaint of residential real property. The City lists painting among work exempt from a building permit. Exempt work still has to comply with applicable codes and ordinances. That narrow exemption does not authorize electrical work, structural work, a change of use, or a larger renovation package. Check the exact proposed work with Development Services when the scope changes.

Austin's contractor-registration page describes registration for contractors assigned to building permits. Do not turn that into a nationwide statement that painters need no registration. Record the applicable city, business location, entity or assumed-name requirements, home-business conditions, and any permit-dependent work before launch. Use the optional WMP foundations reference for common registration, recordkeeping, insurance, and payment questions.

Discuss the actual service with an insurance professional: customer-property damage, work on property in your care, transport, tools, access equipment, and any helper. A policy name does not prove that a particular accident is covered. Record questions and answers without inventing approval. The course supplies no contractor credential, insurance binder, or legal determination.

Older coatings require an early stop decision

Compensated paint-disturbing work in covered pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities can fall under EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting program. Firm certification, trained personnel, education, and work practices may apply before offering or performing covered work. Some jurisdictions administer authorized programs. Determine the responsible authority and exact scope before promising the job.

Ask for building age and relevant coating records at inquiry. Unknown age is an unresolved fact. Do not sand, scrape, drill a test hole, or perform an amateur lead test to make an uncertain job fit this beginner lane. Appropriate qualified assessment may be required. A small room or a small repair is not a universal exemption, and a customer cannot simply waive a regulated requirement.

For the fictional case, the assessment record states a 2005 construction date and sound modern drywall, with no suspect texture or unresolved damage. Those are invented eligibility conditions. They do not prove that all later buildings or coatings are hazard-free. Stop for unidentified materials,

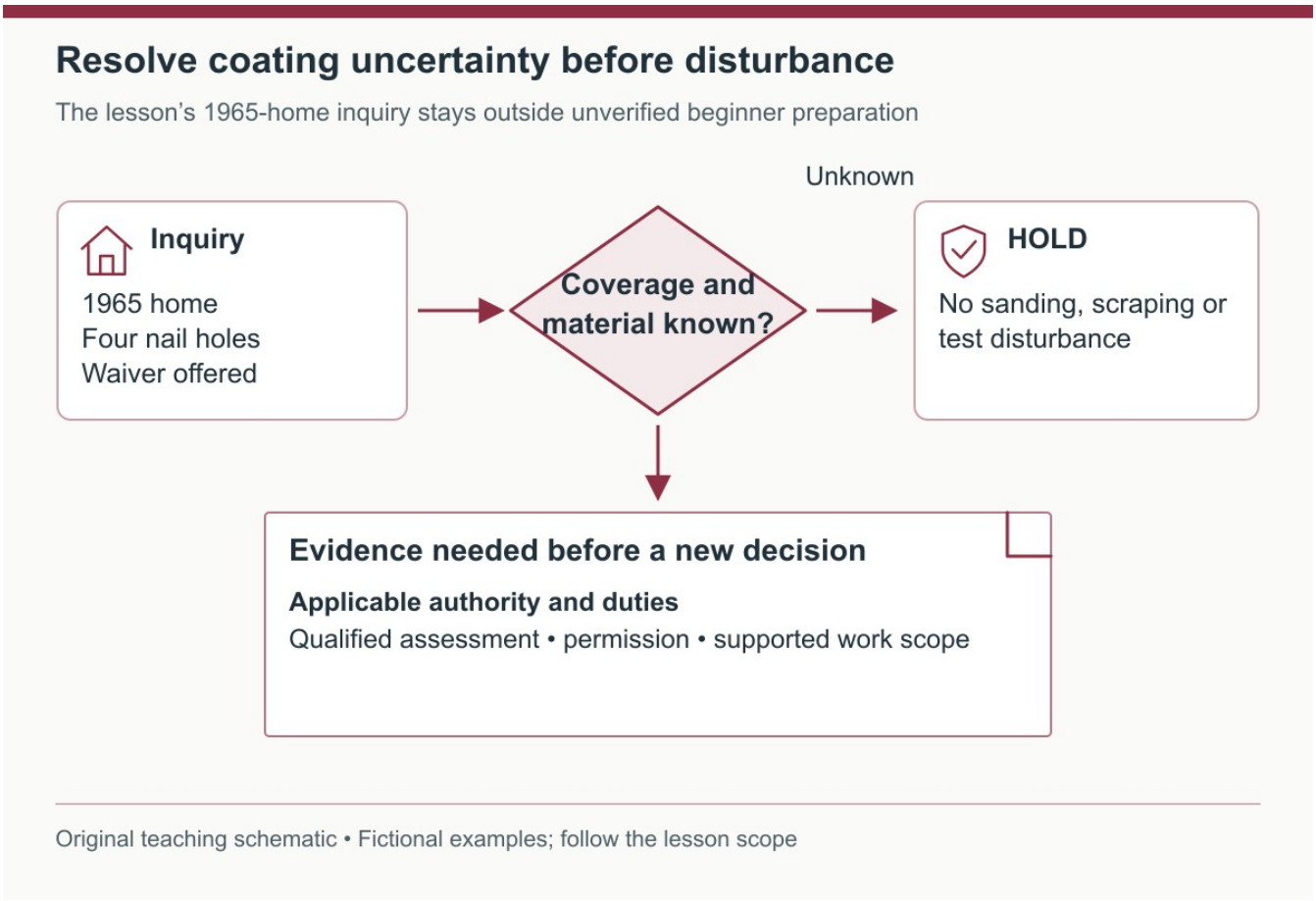
unexplained deterioration, or suspected hazardous coatings; refer for appropriate assessment rather than teaching removal here.

Keep electrical and occupancy authority separate

The customer identifies who may authorize the work, who occupies the space, and who controls access. A tenant's request may need an owner's written approval. An absent owner does not authorize opening every room. Record the work zone, dates, pets, children, alarms, and the person to contact when conditions change.

Painting is not permission to disconnect wiring, remove devices, or work on energized equipment. Keep paint and wash water away from outlets and equipment. If covers must be removed and exposure cannot be safely controlled within your competence and authority, stop and arrange the right person. Do not improvise electrical procedures from a painting checklist.

Ask whether anyone has sensitivity concerns or needs continuous use of the room. Product drying and exposure information must shape the plan. A 'low odor' label is not an occupancy clearance. Leave the exact return-to-use arrangement open until the selected product, ventilation, conditions, and household needs are understood.



This illustrates the lesson's stop decision. A waiver and a small repair description do not close its unresolved duties.

Practice

A 1965 home has only four nail holes. The customer says a waiver makes sanding acceptable. What do you do?

Worked answer

Do not disturb the coating. Verify RRP coverage and the applicable assessment/certification route before offering covered work. A waiver does not replace legal duties, and the small repair description is insufficient to establish an exemption.

Sources: S01, S02, S03, S04. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L03 Build a modest kit and prove the essential skills

Choose and validate an offer. Practice allowance 50 minutes.

Produce: A tested kit list and a practice record with observable acceptance criteria

Use forms F03.

Buy functions rather than a showroom

Separate reusable tools from consumed materials. A practical wall kit includes suitable brush and roller frame, covers matched to texture, extension pole, stable paint tray or pail, measuring tools, work light, hand tools for agreed small repairs, floor protection, suitable masking products, labeled waste containers, and task-appropriate personal protection. Add safe access equipment only after confirming the task, operator, space, instructions, and competence. Reusable purchases leave cash when bought; their per-job allocation is not another payment.

For Case P, the finish is BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050, with a nylon/polyester brush and a 3/8-inch nap cover for the assessed smooth wall. The product data permits a range of roller naps according to texture; this selection is case-specific. Do not substitute an incompatible cover or coating because it was discounted. Identify the base, sheen, color formula, batch, and current label before purchasing.

The case assumes an already-owned suitable kit and no new equipment cash purchase on the order. That does not make tools free: $15 is allocated to the job for reusable equipment. A new owner enters actual purchase cash separately and uses a reasonable allocation for pricing. A rented kit replaces the related ownership allocation with the actual rental and associated transport, cleaning, deposit, and return conditions.

Practice the sequence on permitted surfaces

Use a practice board or a permitted modern surface with known materials. Rehearse protection, a small shallow repair, preparation, spot priming where required by the chosen system, cutting in, rolling, cleanup, and documentation. Time the complete cycle, including setup and washing. Do not sand unknown old paint as practice.

Inspect after drying under the lighting and viewing conditions agreed for the room. Look for missed areas, runs, heavy edge ridges, roller lines, debris, damaged adjacent finishes, and an uneven repair. Photographs are useful records, but they can conceal sheen and texture differences. Compare your work in person and obtain competent feedback before selling an equivalent result.

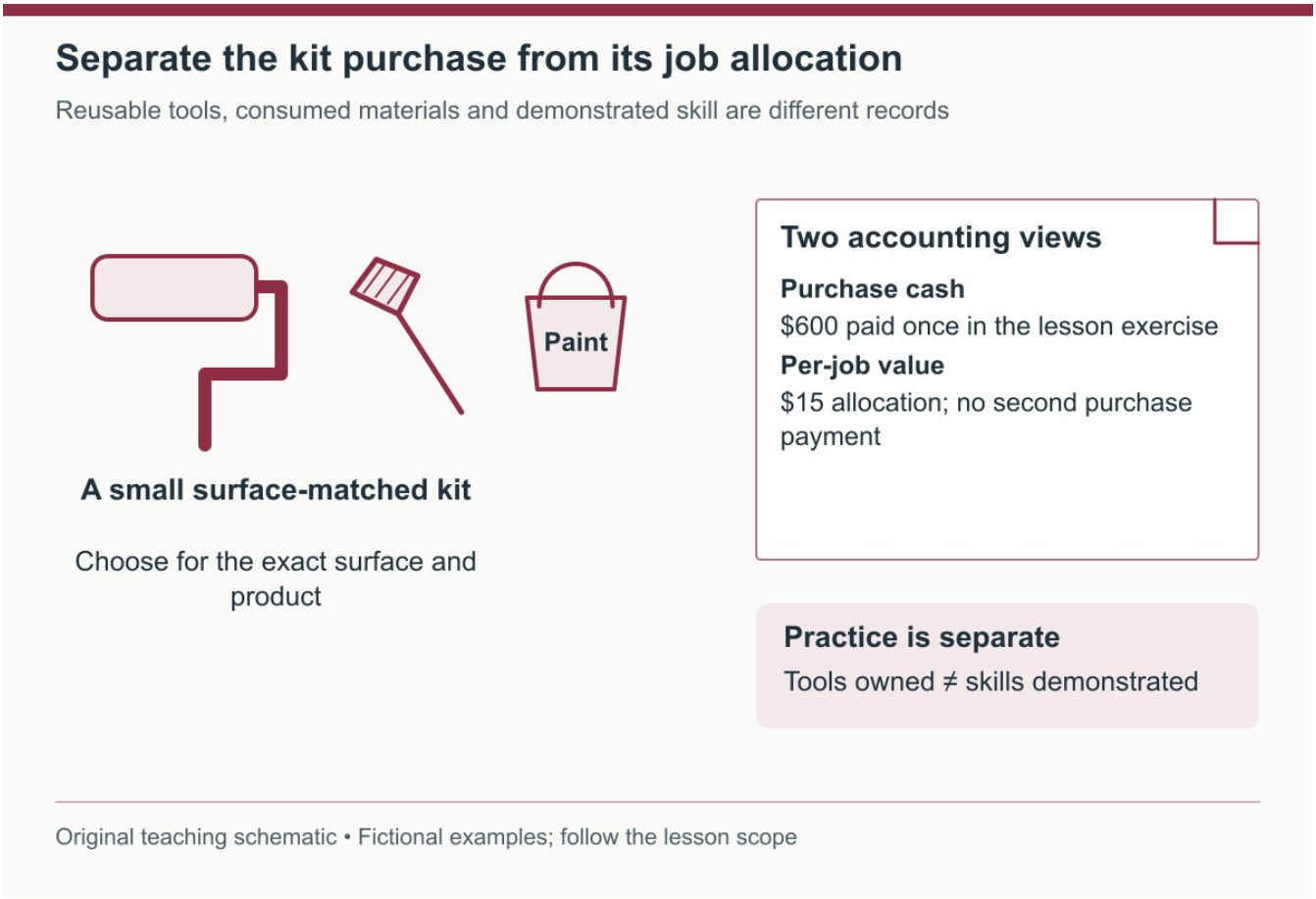
Repeat any failed step and record the cause. Pressing harder to stretch an almost-dry roller is not a substitute for paint. Adding water to change the brush-and-roller behavior of this selected product is outside its instructions. Practice small sections until you can keep a workable edge and stop at a natural boundary without damaging nearby finishes.

Treat access as a separate demonstrated skill

Inspect a stepladder before each use, follow its labels, use it fully opened with spreaders locked on stable level footing, and include the operator plus carried tools and material in its rated load. Keep the work zone clear of traffic and electrical hazards. Face the ladder and maintain three points of contact while climbing. Never use the top cap or top step as a standing surface.

Choose a position that allows work without leaning outside the side rails. Get down and reposition; never move a ladder with someone on it. Carrying a loaded tray while climbing can remove the hand contact needed for balance. Use only accessories and methods approved for the actual equipment. A chair, stacked box, or folded stepladder is not an alternative platform.

This lesson explains the decisions but does not certify safe ladder use. The fictional operator has separately demonstrated the necessary access skill with suitable equipment. A learner who cannot safely reach the ceiling line must change the access plan, obtain practical instruction, or decline that room. Keep difficult stairwells and high access outside this offer.



The $600/$15 amounts are the lesson exercise. The illustration does not prescribe a purchase or prove handling competence.

Practice

You spend $600 on reusable tools, then charge the full $600 as an economic cost on every room while also allocating $15. Is that correct?

Worked answer

No. Record the purchase once as cash when paid. Use a defensible allocation such as the case $15 for pricing and economic comparison, without paying or counting the same purchase again. An actual rental is a different cash cost and should replace the overlapping ownership allocation.

Sources: S05, S06, S07. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L04 Find suitable repaint customers and measure acquisition cost

Choose and validate an offer. Practice allowance 55 minutes.

Produce: A truthful service profile, unsent inquiry messages, and a two-week outreach plan

Use forms F04.

Choose channels that match the room

Start where a small, scheduled wall repaint solves a clear problem. Ask permission to introduce the offer to local homeowners preparing a guest room, residents refreshing a home office, real estate professionals coordinating an assessed owner-authorized room, and small property managers with suitable residential units. Turnover work may require different scheduling, vendor approval, insurance evidence, or purchasing terms; inspect those requirements rather than assuming every manager is a ready lead.

A simple local profile can say: 'Interior wall repainting for assessed rooms in [your actual service area]. Written preparation and surface scope, brush-and-roller application, property protection, and a product care handoff. Send room dimensions, building age, photos of each wall, and your timing for an initial review. Final pricing follows assessment.' Replace the bracketed area before using it. Add only credentials, insurance statements, and experience you can substantiate.

Build a portfolio from permitted practice work. Label it 'practice sample' and obtain permission for any customer's room image and its use. Show the edge, wall texture, and protected floor in consistent lighting. Do not use this course's generated room as a completed job, invent testimonials, or hide an unresolved defect with editing. Offer a customer a clear way to ask questions without promising a flawless wall from a single photograph.

Use a small permission based outreach plan

Days 1–2: define a realistic travel area and finish the practice record. Days 3–4: prepare three labeled sample images, the service description, and a short assessment request. Days 5–7: speak with five people or organizations who have agreed to hear about local services; ask about suitable room needs, vendor requirements, and timing. Do not mass-message strangers or claim those conversations happened because they appear on this plan.

Days 8–10: respond to actual inquiries, request missing facts, and schedule only suitable assessments. Days 11–12: follow up once where permission and the conversation make it appropriate. Days 13–14: compare inquiry quality, assessment effort, travel, quoted scope, and bookings. Stop channels that

produce mostly excluded work or prices that cannot fund the complete job. A plan is a list of future actions, not evidence of customer demand.

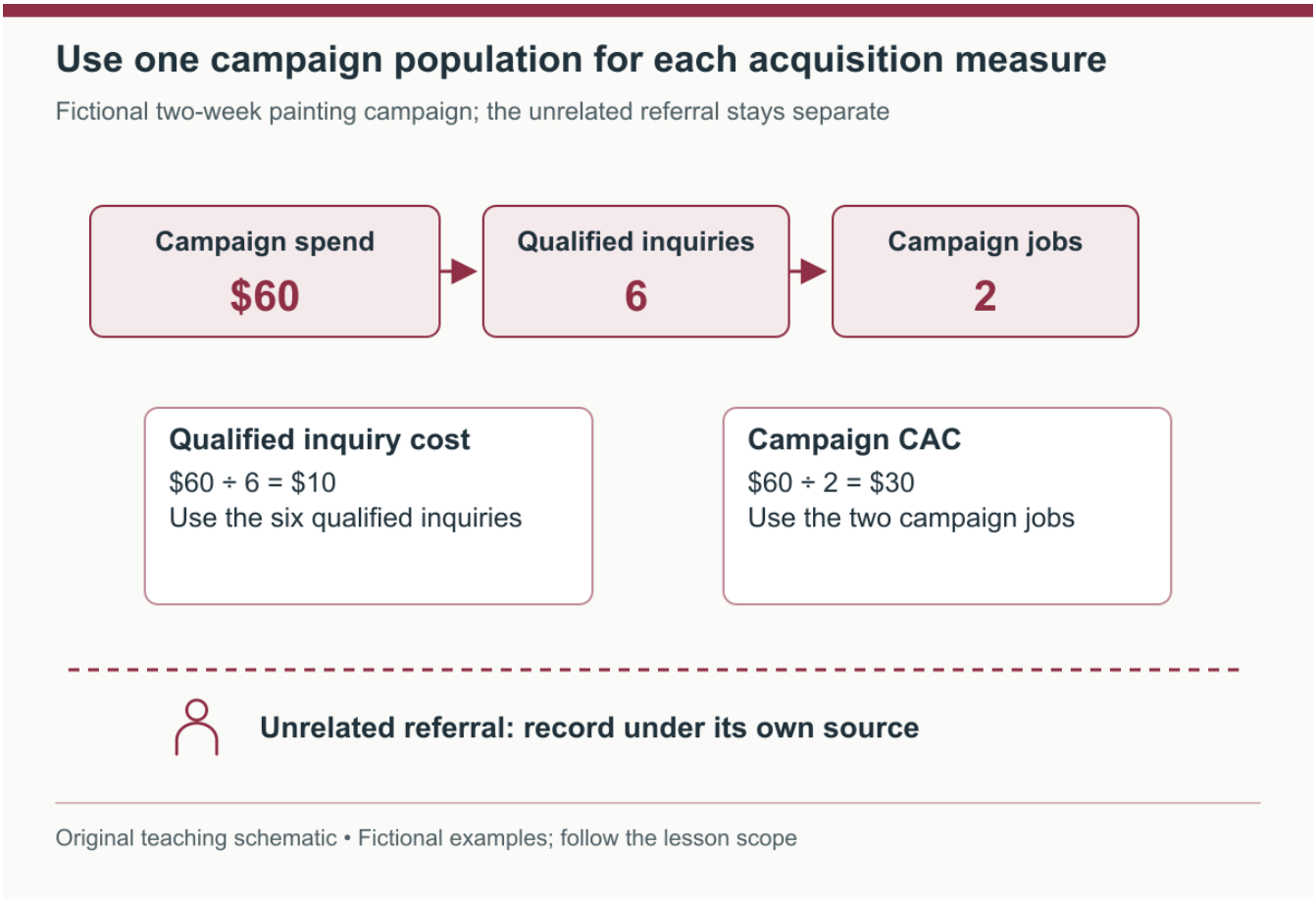
Sample first message, unsent: 'Hi Jordan, you mentioned refreshing the home office. I offer assessed interior wall repainting in my local area. If you would like an initial review, could you share the home's construction year, approximate room size, wall-condition photos, and target dates? I will confirm what is included before quoting. No need to send private household information.' Sample follow-up, unsent: 'Would you like me to keep the assessment request open? I can answer scope questions, or close it if your plans changed.'

Measure the same population

A fictional two-week test spends $60 and receives six qualified inquiries, of which two become paid jobs. Cost per qualified inquiry is $10, and customer acquisition cost is $30 per booked customer from that campaign. Do not divide by an unrelated repeat order or call all social reactions qualified leads. Record what qualifies: correct service area, assessed likely starter scope, permission to contact, and a real purchasing conversation.

Include the owner's acquisition time in the business decision. The planner's campaign cash metrics are not a claim that acquisition labor is free. Separate campaign-level learning from each order's recorded administration time, and avoid allocating the same campaign expense twice. Named paid-lead platforms require fresh category, terms, and fee research before use; this course assumes no marketplace account or paid lead purchase.

For the worked business, an additional $30 acquisition charge would reduce Case P's $271.58 after-reserve management remainder to $241.58 if it were genuinely attributable and not already included in the overhead allocation. That is a decision test, not an instruction to add the same cost again. Proceed only when real matching-scope willingness and adequate contribution support the channel.



Owner acquisition time is another economic input. These are invented campaign results, not a forecast.

Practice

A $60 campaign yields six suitable inquiries and two booked jobs. One unrelated referral also books. What are campaign CPL and CAC?

Worked answer

Qualified-inquiry cost is $60/6=$10. Campaign CAC is $60/2=$30. The unrelated referral is outside the campaign population. Track its source separately rather than using it to make this campaign look cheaper.

Sources: S08. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L05 Inspect a room and turn observations into a scope

Assess measure and agree. Practice allowance 45 minutes.

Produce: An inspection record that distinguishes included repair from unresolved defects

Use forms F05.

Use photos to prepare rather than diagnose

Ask for photographs of each wall, corners, openings, and visible damage before visiting. Ask what is being painted, why now, who can authorize the work, the building age, desired color and sheen, furniture status, pets, occupancy, and target dates. Avoid collecting unnecessary personal information. A

photograph can reveal a stain, but it cannot establish that the wall is dry, the cause is fixed, or the coating is compatible.

At the assessment, walk the room before opening material. Compare the actual walls with the inquiry. Record substrate, texture, existing sheen, soundness, repairs, dirt or grease, cracks, peeling, staining, and signs of moisture. Use neutral descriptions: 'brown ring below window' is an observation; 'old leak fixed' requires evidence beyond the mark. Do not make a moisture diagnosis from an internet picture.

Agree on the level of appearance. A routine repaint does not flatten a textured wall, repair structural movement, or make every old patch invisible under grazing light. Note existing variation and use a suitable sample or demonstration where needed. If the customer expects a different repair level, revise the scope or refer it rather than relying on vague words such as 'professional finish.'

Inspect access and adjacent property

Identify where tools enter, where waste containers stay, and how the operator moves safely around the room. Measure more than the wall: look at door clearance, floor finish, delicate trim, window treatments, furniture, and electrical equipment. Ask the customer to remove fragile, valuable, and personal items before work. State who moves the remaining furniture and where it goes. Do not volunteer to move an item you cannot safely handle.

Record floor and trim condition with permission before covering them. Keep an agreed clear exit. A protected room still needs safe circulation, access to the door, and an appropriate ladder footprint where applicable. Pets and children must stay outside the work zone through the agreed period. Tape is not a reliable physical barrier for an animal or child.

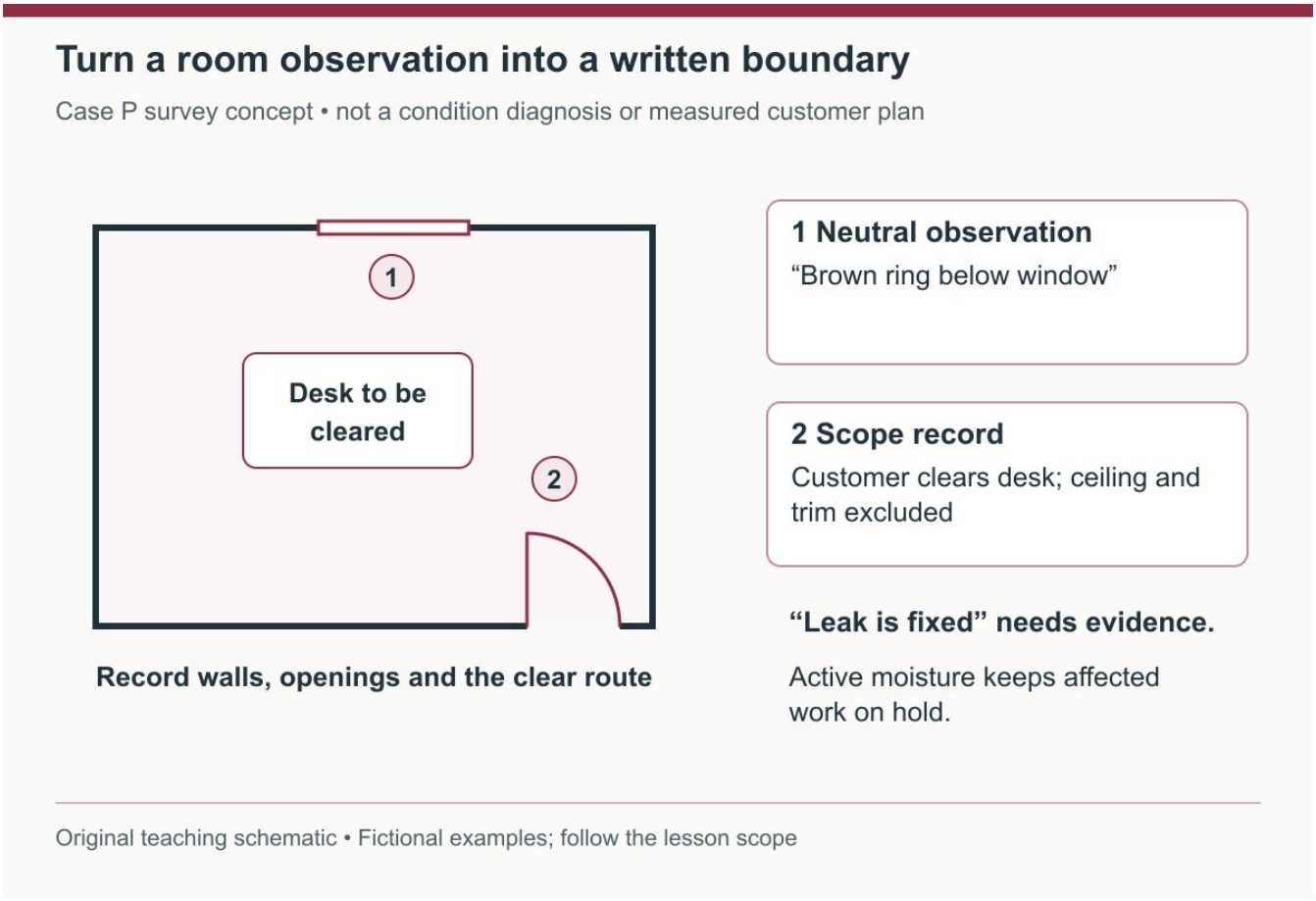
Select a discreet compatibility/sample area with permission. A small favorable patch does not guarantee the entire wall or identify every coating. If the existing finish lifts, powdering persists, or the proposed system behaves unexpectedly, stop and ask the coating manufacturer or a qualified specialist. Do not conceal failure beneath an additional finish coat.

Make the Case P decision explicit

The fictional room has four sound drywall walls, an existing light eggshell finish, eight shallow nail holes, one three-by-seven-foot door opening, and one four-by-four-foot window opening. The ceiling, door, frame, baseboards, window trim, and closet are excluded. Customer-authorized photographs record pre-existing baseboard scuffs. The customer clears small items and moves the light desk before the agreed visit; the operator does not handle heavy furniture.

A representative sample area is cleaned, allowed to dry, and evaluated using the chosen system. No continuing moisture, unusual odor, peeling, or unidentified material is observed in the fictional assessment. These are invented observations, not an actual inspection or approval. A real learner enters actual evidence in the neutral form and leaves unresolved items open.

Use a stop, clarify, or proceed conclusion. 'Proceed subject to signed scope and cleared room' is different from 'ready to paint now.' F 05 should give the next person enough information to understand both the planned work and why excluded conditions were excluded.



Original survey illustration derived from Case P and the lesson exercise. The plan is not to scale and establishes no site approval.

Practice

A wall has a recurring damp patch, but the customer wants it hidden before guests arrive. Is stain-blocking primer an adequate scope?

Worked answer

No. Record the observation and pause the affected work until the cause and suitability are appropriately resolved. Primer is not a repair for active moisture, and a deadline does not establish a sound dry substrate.

Sources: S05, S09. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L06 Measure wall area and buy whole containers

Assess measure and agree. Practice allowance 45 minutes.

Produce: A traceable room takeoff and a purchase plan linked to actual stock

Use forms F06.

Measure the surfaces being coated

Draw a simple plan and label each wall. Record length and height in consistent units, then calculate gross wall area. Deduct openings only when they are excluded surfaces, and record their dimensions

rather than estimating a percentage. Include returns or recesses when they are actually in scope. A room's floor area is useful for protection, not a substitute for wall area.

Case P has two 12-foot walls and two 14-foot walls, each eight feet high. Its gross wall area is 2×12×8 + 2×14×8 = 416 square feet. The excluded door opening is 21 square feet and the excluded window is 16 square feet. Net wall area is 379 square feet. The floor is 168 square feet, a different quantity used for a protection plan.

Two selected finish coats create 758 coat-square-feet. That quantity is not 758 square feet of unique wall. Write the coat count beside the area so a later change cannot silently double or halve the order. The selected product has a published 250–400-square-foot-per-gallon range depending on substrate and method. The worked planning rate of 350 is an assumption within that range, not a guaranteed production rate.

Separate theoretical need from purchase cash

At 350 square feet per gallon, 758/350 = 2.1657142857 gallons of theoretical finish use. The fictional estimate adds a 10% material allowance for tray, transfer, and handling losses, giving 2.3822857143 gallons. Buying whole one-gallon packs requires three gallons. Do not round the unit cost early or buy 2.38 physical containers. Confirm the actual available package size, tint base, stock, batch arrangements, and return conditions before purchase.

The case budgets three one-gallon finish packs at $45 each, including assumed purchase tax, plus one gallon of selected spot primer at $20, one 16-fluid-ounce patch pack at $8, one 60-yard tape roll at $8, and one roller cover at $8. All prices are invented all-in planning inputs, not store quotes. Total stock cash is $179. Primer purchasing is a whole-pack decision even though the small repaired areas use only a fraction.

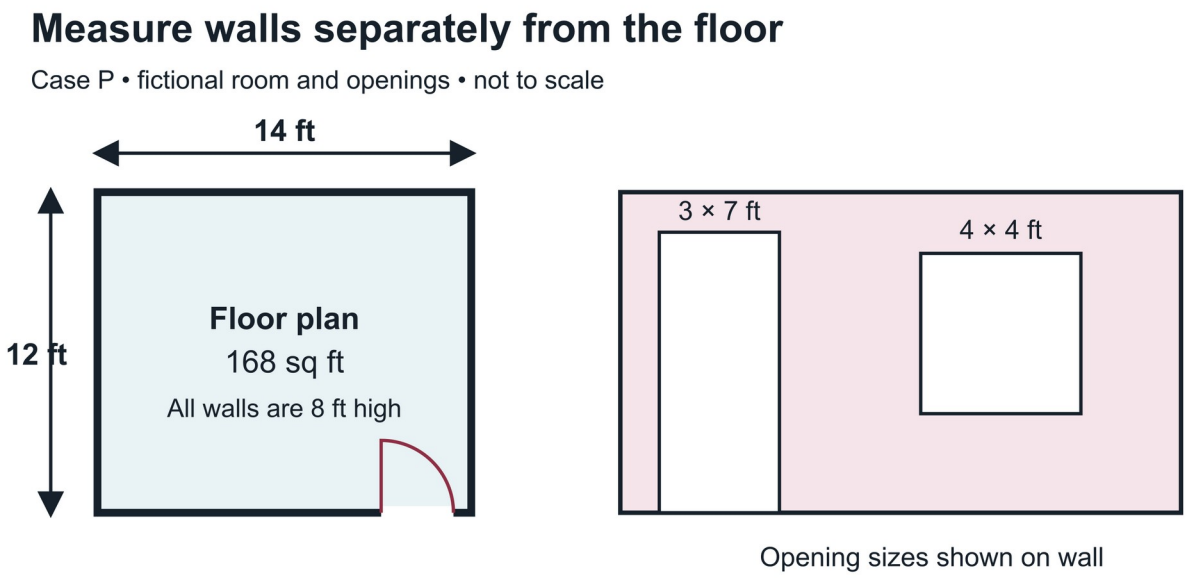
Keep the unused portion in inventory if it remains useful business stock. Case P records 2.20 gallons of finish applied and 0.20 lost, leaving 0.60 gallon from the three purchased gallons. Cost consumed or lost is 2.40×$45=$108. The remaining $27 is stock value, not another expense. The customer receives product identification rather than ownership of that stock unless the agreement states otherwise.

Test the plan when the wall behaves differently

If the actual substrate needs the low end of the published coverage range, 758/250×1.10=3.3352 gallons and four one-gallon packs are required. A large color change, different texture, or additional preparation can also change the coating system or coat count. Do not treat a coverage range as permission to stretch paint until the planned purchase fits.

Record actual amounts consistently. For the primer, 0.10 gallon used plus 0.02 lost consumes $2.40 at the case's $20-per-gallon all-in cost. Patch consumption is 2.25 fluid ounces including loss at $8/16, or $1.125. Tape consumes 42/60×$8=$5.60 and the cover consumes $8. Total stock consumption and loss is $125.125, displayed as $125.13. Full precision remains in the planner.

Takeoff, purchasing, and actual usage answer different questions. The first estimates a method, the second funds cash, and the third measures what happened. Keep all three so an extra store trip or low coverage does not disappear from your learning.



Gross walls	2 × (12 + 14) × 8 = 416 sq ft
Net walls	416 − 21 − 16 = 379 sq ft
Two finish coats	379 × 2 = 758 coat-sq-ft

Case P: floor 168 square feet; gross walls 416; net walls 379; two finish coats 758 coat-square-feet.

Practice

At 250 square feet per gallon, how many one-gallon finish packs does the 758-coat-square-foot room need with a 10% allowance?

Worked answer

758/250×1.10=3.3352 gallons. Round the number of one-gallon packs up to four. Purchase cash at the fictional $45 all-in pack price is $180. Do not round down to three or add the whole purchase again as consumed material.

Sources: S05. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L07 Price the whole order and keep cash separate from profit

Assess measure and agree. Practice allowance 55 minutes.

Produce: An estimate with full owner time, allocations, stock, and a dated accepted baseline

Use forms F07.

Price the owner cycle

Painting time is only part of the service. Include inquiry, assessment, buying and loading, every trip, setup, protection, preparation, application, active cleanup, customer handoff, bookkeeping, and included follow-up. Waiting can affect calendar capacity without being active labor. Record whether a drying

interval is unattended, supervised, or productively used; do not automatically bill every clock hour as owner work.

Case P's accepted estimate allowed 660 owner minutes, or 11 hours. The actual record totals 720 minutes, or 12 hours, because preparation required an additional hour within the agreed scope. At a fictional owner-time value of $30 per hour, actual owner labor value is $360. This is a management cost used to judge the job, not a payroll payment or an owner draw.

The actual job also has $40 direct cash cost: $12 fuel, $8 parking, and a $20 commercial-waste allowance. The allowance is not an actual disposal quote or permission. Economic vehicle use of $6 excludes fuel already counted. Reusable equipment allocation is $15 and overhead allocation is $20. No one pays those allocations again when the job closes; their purpose is to prevent the price from ignoring business resources.

Reconcile the fictional 900 order

The customer price is $900 under the selected residential lump-sum Texas contract. The contractor's material prices include assumed purchase tax. The case collects no customer sales tax, following the specified tax treatment; it is not a rule for commercial work, separated contracts, or another state. Verify classification whenever the contract changes.

The invented processing assumption is 3% of the actual gross customer receipt plus $0.30 for one payment. A full $900 receipt therefore costs $27.30. Economic cost is $40 cash job cost + $125.125 stock consumed or lost + $6 vehicle use + $15 equipment allocation + $20 overhead allocation + $360 owner time + $27.30 processing = $593.425. Profit before the business reserve is $306.575, displayed as $306.58.

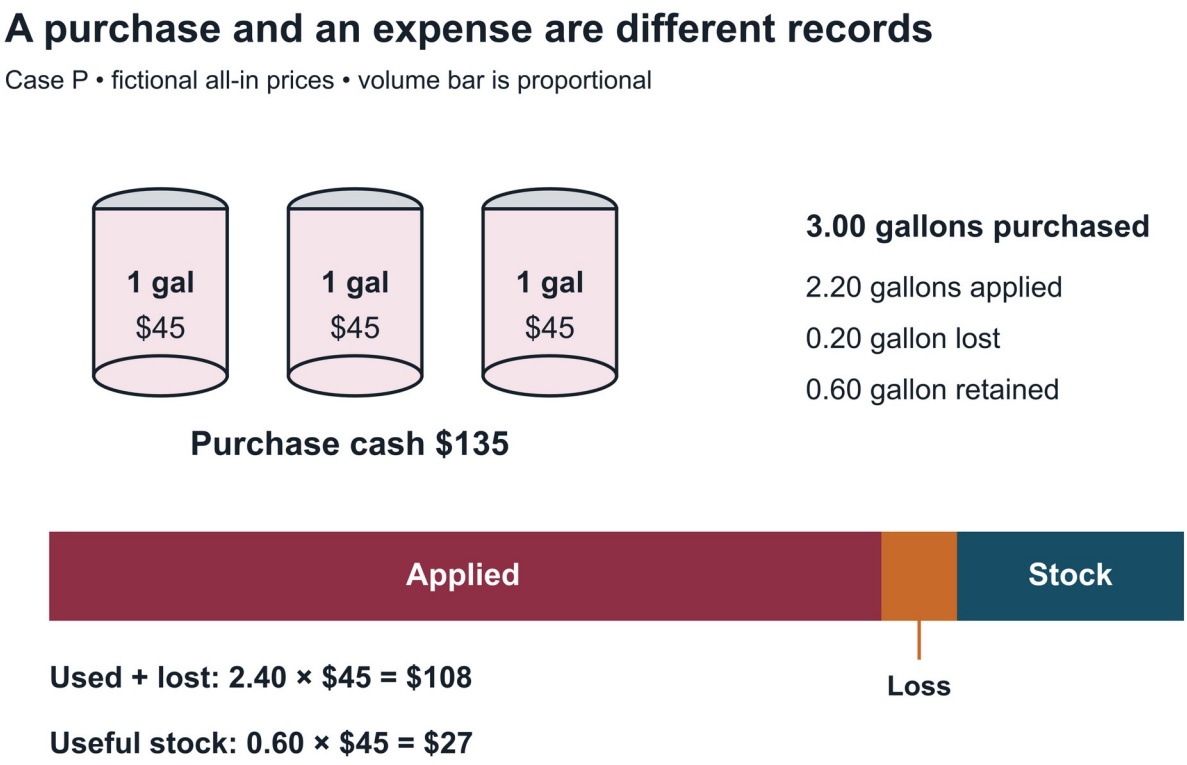
Designating $35 for a business reserve leaves a management remainder of $271.575, displayed as $271.58. The reserve is cash set aside, not a tax deduction or another operating expense. Personal emergency savings are separate. Neither this remainder nor the owner-time value is a promise of take-home pay, and income/business taxes outside this job model still need planning.

Fund the job before accepting it

With opening business cash of $1,500, a $179 stock purchase, $40 job cash costs, the $900 receipt, and $27.30 fee, closing bank cash is $2,153.70. After designating the $35 business reserve, free modeled cash is $2,118.70. Customer tax reserve is zero in this case. Owner labor and allocations do not leave the bank as cash, and the $53.875 of remaining stock explains part of the difference between cash and economic results.

Freeze the accepted plan before work: date, price, owner minutes, and complete estimated economic cost. Here the 660-minute baseline cost was $563.425, leaving $336.575 before reserve. The actual extra owner hour reduces that result by $30. Editing today's estimate must not rewrite the accepted plan. Store a dated copy and use the planner's static baseline fields.

Test a no-sale outcome and a slow-payment outcome before buying. No revenue with no payment means no invented fee. A partial payment changes cash and processing but does not automatically erase earned revenue or the balance due. Refunds require a documented agreement and the actual processor's terms. The planner assumes original processing fees are retained; replace the assumption when your provider's agreement differs.



Case P finish purchase $135. Applied 2.20 gallons plus 0.20 loss consumes $108. Remaining 0.60 gallon is worth $27.

Practice

Why is the $653.70 increase in bank cash larger than the $306.58 economic profit before reserve?

Worked answer

Owner time and $41 of vehicle/equipment/overhead allocations do not leave cash in this job model, while purchasing $179 of stock uses $53.875 more cash than the $125.125 consumed. $306.575+ $360+$41−$53.875=$653.70. The bank balance is not take-home profit.

Sources: S03. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L08 Agree the scope and schedule around real drying time

Assess measure and agree. Practice allowance 40 minutes.

Produce: A written agreement and a two-visit plan with a controlled change route

Use forms F08, F10, F11.

Make the estimate readable to the customer

Identify the customer, property, included walls, exclusions, preparation limits, coating brand and exact product, sheen, approved color, selected coats, protection, access, cleanup, waste handling, price, tax treatment, payment timing, and acceptance process. Include a quote validity period suited to your actual purchasing and schedule. Give the customer a copy before work and record affirmative agreement without inventing a signature.

The Case P scope is the four walls of the assessed room only, two selected finish coats, eight shallow nail-hole repairs, and compatible spot priming of repaired areas. Ceiling, trim, door and frame, window trim, closet, heavy furniture moving, moisture remediation, and specialty repair are excluded. The $900 is a lump-sum customer price. Product and preparation changes need a written decision before the changed work starts.

State reasonable operating conditions: cleared room by the agreed time, authorized access, a controlled work zone, ventilation arrangements, household needs, and a way to reach the decision maker. Do not make a customer responsible for a safety decision that belongs to the operator. If the room cannot be worked safely, stop even when the contract says it should have been clear.

Schedule tasks and gates rather than a universal day count

Plan dated visits and explicit release gates. Case P's filled schedule below is a fictional worked example; L09 explains the patch and re-drying gates, L10 the product gates, and L11 the coat record. See the complete Case P calendar for every active block and the 720-minute reconciliation.

For each next task, record the preceding application's last finish time, current instructions, stated reference conditions, actual conditions, observation, decision and action if blocked. Dry-to-touch, ready-to-recoat, cure and occupancy remain separate. Do not use the sample's short waits to promise a real two-day completion.

1. All dates, temperatures, observations and approvals below are invented teaching data. Target Visit A is November 23, 2026, 09:00–17:00; Visit B is November 24, 09:00–12:30. The fictional room is ventilated with household entry controlled. Air and wall conditions are recorded as 77°F and 50% RH at each coating check. No real measurement, site visit or drying test occurred. A failed gate moves the work and customer date; these clock entries do not authorize a real coat.

2. Visit A, 12:00–12:05 gate G1 recheck: all repairs are white with no pink, and the fictional tactile/visual check finds the small patches dry. Proceed only because that evidence meets the selected filler instructions; DAP's approximately 1–5 hours is a variable estimate, not a deadline. 12:05–12:25: controlled wet sanding and slurry/residue pickup. 12:25–12:50: other preparation/protection tasks while the repaired areas re-dry. 12:50–12:55 gate G2: the damp-cleaned and wet-sanded areas are observed clean, sound and dry again; no slurry or damp area remains. There is no manufacturer-wide fixed re-drying duration. Failure would block primer. These preparation blocks total 180 active minutes, including both G1 checks and G2.

3. Visit A, 12:55–13:10: exact product/approved sample review and primer setup. 13:10–13:30: apply BEHR Drywall Plus No. 73 to the bare repaired areas. 13:30–13:45: active application inspection, stock and system checks. 13:45–14:30: unattended drying, not labor. 14:30–14:40 gate G3 and tool checks: the last primer area has had at least the current product page's one-hour topcoat interval; the fictional film is dry and acceptable under the recorded conditions, with no lift or bleed-through. The current container/TDS must confirm the actual interval and conditions before a real job. Product checks/application total 60 active minutes. A clock or touch check alone cannot overrule the actual instructions.

4. Visit A, 14:40–16:40: first BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050 finish coat, 120 active minutes. Record completion at 16:40 for the last coated area. Leave the controlled room to dry unattended overnight. The finish TDS's two-hour recoat reference at 77°F/50% RH is a minimum scheduling floor in those reference conditions; colder, more humid or thicker-film work may take longer. The example chooses the next day and does not count unattended time as owner labor.

5. Visit B, November 24, 09:00–11:00: gate G4 at 09:00 checks conditions, first-coat dryness, hide, edges, contamination and repaired areas before any new paint. The last first-coat area has had 16

hours 20 minutes, but elapsed time alone is insufficient. The fictional check finds it dry and acceptable, so the second coat follows; the gate, minor missed-area correction and application together use 120 active minutes. Record the last second-coat area complete at 11:00. An unexpected soft film, lift or stain would block the coat and trigger reassessment.

6. Visit B, 11:00–11:30: controlled cleanup and stock/waste record. 11:30–12:00: unattended drying without active duty. 12:00–12:15 gate G5 and handoff: appearance is reviewed without rubbing the fresh film; the fictional customer accepts the included walls under agreed room lighting, with no open appearance item. Cleanup and handoff total 45 active minutes. One hour after coat two is only the finish's reference touch time; it is not full cure, a washing release or universal occupancy clearance. Use the four-week no-washing care plan through December 22, 2026, 11:00, and confirm current manufacturer guidance for any earlier cleaning need.

Authorize additions before doing them

A customer may ask for the closet after work begins. Pause, measure it, assess its surfaces, determine additional material purchases and owner time, and give a price and schedule effect. Record accept, decline, or defer. Silence is not permission. An extra wall is not free because the roller is already wet.

The separate fictional change illustration proposes an additional $150 for an assessed small closet. It is declined, so neither revenue nor costs from that change enter Case P. This distinction matters: an optional offer is not a sale. If a real change is accepted, record its date, revised scope, price/tax treatment, added costs and time, and new completion expectations.

If a defect makes the work unsuitable, document the state and agree how the safe stopping point, site protection, materials, and any payment are handled. Do not guarantee a successful repaint or a customer charge for an unagreed investigation. Use actual terms reviewed for the business rather than treating this course's form as a finished legal contract.

A complete filled customer estimate

FICTIONAL ACCEPTED ESTIMATE / BOOKING RECORD — P-2026-1120-v2. Issued November 20, 2026; quote valid through November 27, 2026. Provider: Clear Corner Painting, an invented teaching business, office@clearcorner.example.com. Customer: Morgan Ellis, morgan.ellis@example.com. Property: 18 Example Lane, Austin, Texas (invented address, no actual customer or property). Status: accepted within the fictional scenario by a recorded written "I agree" on November 20; no actual message, signature, payment or booking exists. Signature field: not used in this teaching example.

Included lump-sum scope: assess and repaint only the four walls of one 12 × 14 × 8-foot room in the fictional 2005 residence; net wall area 379 square feet after one 3 × 7-foot door and one 4 × 4-foot window opening. Protect the floor and route; remove the case's surface dust; repair eight shallow nail holes under 1/8 inch deep with DAP DRYDex; wet-sand as appropriate, remove residue and re-dry; spot-prime bare repaired areas with BEHR No. 73; apply two coats of BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050, approved factory Ultra Pure White (UPW); include controlled cleanup, stock/waste record, agreed visual acceptance and written product/care handoff. Useful leftover business stock stays with the provider.

Excluded: ceiling, trim, door/frame, window trim, closet, heavy furniture moving, deep or moving cracks, skim coating, stain remediation, moisture or coating-failure repair, hazardous coating disturbance, spraying, high-access and specialty work. The optional closet price of $150 is declined and excluded from this record. If assessment or preparation exposes an unsuitable surface or changed scope, pause and provide a written scope/price/tax/date decision before changed work; this estimate authorizes no automatic extra charge.

Price before customer sales tax: $900.00. Customer sales tax for this selected Texas residential lump-sum remodeling lane: $0.00. Total due: $900.00. Contractor supply costs already include assumed purchase tax. No deposit; one $900 payment is due after agreed acceptance and invoice. No payment has occurred. The fictional processing fee is a provider expense, not an added customer charge. The estimate is a teaching record, not legal or tax advice for a different contract/location.

Target access windows: November 23, 2026, 09:00–17:00 and November 24, 09:00–12:30, conditional on all G1–G5 gates in the attached Case P calendar. Customer clears small belongings and the light desk before arrival and keeps household members/pets outside the controlled room; provider confirms protection, safe access and ventilation. The accepted labor estimate is 660 complete owner minutes including offsite tasks and travel; it is not 660 continuous onsite minutes. The later actual record is 720 minutes because preparation takes 60 more minutes within scope, with no customer surcharge. Unattended drying/breaks are not active labor; any real extra supervision/visit requires actual time and a schedule/cost decision.

Completion boundary: inspect the included walls under agreed ordinary room lighting when they can be assessed without damaging the fresh film; document open appearance items before final acceptance. The fictional acceptance/handoff target is November 24, 12:00–12:15, subject to actual readiness, not guaranteed by elapsed time. No washing before December 22, 2026, 11:00 under this conservative four-week case plan; confirm current product advice if earlier cleaning is needed. Touch-dry/recoat/cure and household occupancy are separate decisions; no universal occupancy time or health clearance is promised. Provider records care follow-up with permission. Customer and provider names here are typed identifiers only, not signatures.

Plan the calendar. Release work at each gate.

Case P • invented observations on Nov 23–24, 2026 • no timer-only approval

VISIT A • Patch, re-dry, prime, then coat one

G1 • DAP DRYDex	G2 • After wet sanding	G3 • BEHR No. 73
White with no pink; repair dry before controlled wet sanding. 11:00 HOLD → 12:00 PASS*	Slurry removed; surface clean, sound and dry again. 12:50–12:55 PASS*	Current topcoat instructions and film readiness both met. 14:30–14:40 PASS*

Coat one: Nov 23, 14:40–16:40 • Last-area completion starts the interval

VISIT B • Inspect before coat two; hand off with care limits

G4 • BEHR No. 2050	G5 • Appearance and care
09:00: first coat dry and acceptable?* 2-hour recoat reference at 77°F / 50% RH; actual conditions may require longer.	12:00–12:15: view without damage.* Touch-dry ≠ cure or occupancy release. Case: no washing for four weeks.

***These times record fictional observations, not required waiting periods.**

720 owner minutes: active tasks + full travel/admin. Unattended waiting is calendar only.

G1 filler dry; G2 dry again after wet sanding; G3 primer ready; G4 recoat ready; G5 appearance and care. Fixed hours alone release no task. See the filled Case P calendar.

Practice

The customer texts “also do the closet” while you are applying the first coat. Do you add $150 to the invoice and continue?

Worked answer

No. Assess and quote the added scope, explain the material/time/calendar effect, and obtain agreement before starting it. In Case P the $150 proposal is declined, so the order stays $900 and the closet remains untouched.

Sources: S03, S05, S10. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L09 Protect the room and prepare suitable modern drywall

Prepare and deliver the system. Practice allowance 55 minutes.

Produce: A protected work zone and a documented clean sound dry surface

Use forms F09.

Protect before opening paint

Walk the room with the customer or compare the approved arrival record. Confirm clearance, exclusions, existing damage, product, color, and access. Place stable protection on the route and floor, cover items that remain, and keep an exit clear. A loose plastic sheet under a ladder can create a slip hazard; choose protection and placement that remain stable for the actual floor and access equipment.

Keep paint containers in a controlled place with secondary containment where practical. Separate clean tools, active coating tools, and waste containers. Keep food, drinks, pets, and children outside the work area. Arrange ventilation without directing dust onto wet paint or exposing neighboring spaces to avoidable contamination. Stop when the agreed household controls cannot be maintained.

Choose a masking product compatible with the surface and its current cure state. Test discreetly with permission; even low-tack tape can lift a weak or fresh finish. Follow that tape's application and removal instructions instead of assuming every roll behaves alike. The case budget uses an invented $8 roll and does not claim a particular tape has been tested or approved for the customer's trim.

Use the smallest appropriate preparation method

Separate dust removal from contaminant cleaning. The exact BEHR No. 2050 product page tells the operator to wash dirt and grease off with detergent, rinse, and let the surface dry; it separately calls for dust removal with a damp cloth followed by drying. Its TDS requires a contaminant-free surface and appropriate spot primer on bare areas. The No. 73 primer page gives the same wash/rinse/dry and dust-removal sequence. A water-dampened cloth used for loose dust is not evidence that actual grease or dirt has been removed. Assess and test compatibility discreetly with permission, select detergent and dilution from the actual cleaner’s instructions, rinse away residue and verify drying. The manufacturer does not supply a universal detergent brand or dilution here; do not invent one or sand contamination into the wall. Stop or revise the plan for unidentified residue, failed coating, moisture, mildew or cleaning that damages the existing film. Case P finds dust only, with no actual dirt/grease deposit, so its damp-cloth dust-removal lane is not taught as a grease-cleaning method. If gloss needs dulling, first resolve coating hazards and the appropriate method and controls.

The case's small shallow nail holes use DAP DRYDex Spackling. Work on a clean, dry, sound area. Apply with a suitable putty knife, press material into the small defect, and remove excess. The

manufacturer identifies shallow repairs under 1/8 inch as a typical single-application use; deeper defects need a different layered plan and drying. The case includes only eight shallow nail holes, not joints, moving cracks, or a skim coat. Stir the tub thoroughly before use and follow its 50–100°F application range. Its stated approximate one-to-five-hour drying varies with conditions and repair depth; it is not a universal schedule. The current product page says no mixing is required, while the linked tub TDS says to stir thoroughly. This case explicitly uses the tub TDS instruction; confirm the current container/manufacturer if they differ, rather than generalizing across pack types.

Before sanding, DAP's dry indicator must show white with no pink; assess the repair itself and wait longer if it remains soft or sanding clogs. The current TDS recommends wet sanding to reduce dust. Contain slurry, remove residue, and then let every damp-cleaned or wet-sanded area dry again before primer. Dry filler before sanding and dry surface after wet work are two separate gates. No fixed half-hour is a manufacturer promise for this second gate. Confirm the combined system: the selected finish requires appropriate spot primer on bare areas; DAP's patch-and-prime claim does not remove that coating-system requirement. Do not cover an unresolved defect to recover the calendar.

Filled preparation gates from Case P

Visit A, 09:00–10:00: arrival/protection, dust removal with a damp cloth, and surface inspection; no dirt or grease is found in this case. The surface is observed dry before repair. 10:00–10:15: apply stirred DAP DRYDex from the 16-fluid-ounce tub to eight shallow holes, each less than 1/8 inch deep. 10:15–11:00: other protection/masking tasks. 11:00–11:05 gate G1: pink remains in one repair, so sanding and coating stay blocked. 11:05–12:00 is an unattended break with no active work or required supervision.

Visit A, 12:00–12:05 gate G1 recheck: all repairs are white with no pink, and the fictional tactile/visual check finds the small patches dry. Proceed only because that evidence meets the selected filler instructions; DAP's approximately 1–5 hours is a variable estimate, not a deadline. 12:05–12:25: controlled wet sanding and slurry/residue pickup. 12:25–12:50: other preparation/protection tasks while the repaired areas re-dry. 12:50–12:55 gate G2: the damp-cleaned and wet-sanded areas are observed clean, sound and dry again; no slurry or damp area remains. There is no manufacturer-wide fixed re-drying duration. Failure would block primer. These preparation blocks total 180 active minutes, including both G1 checks and G2.

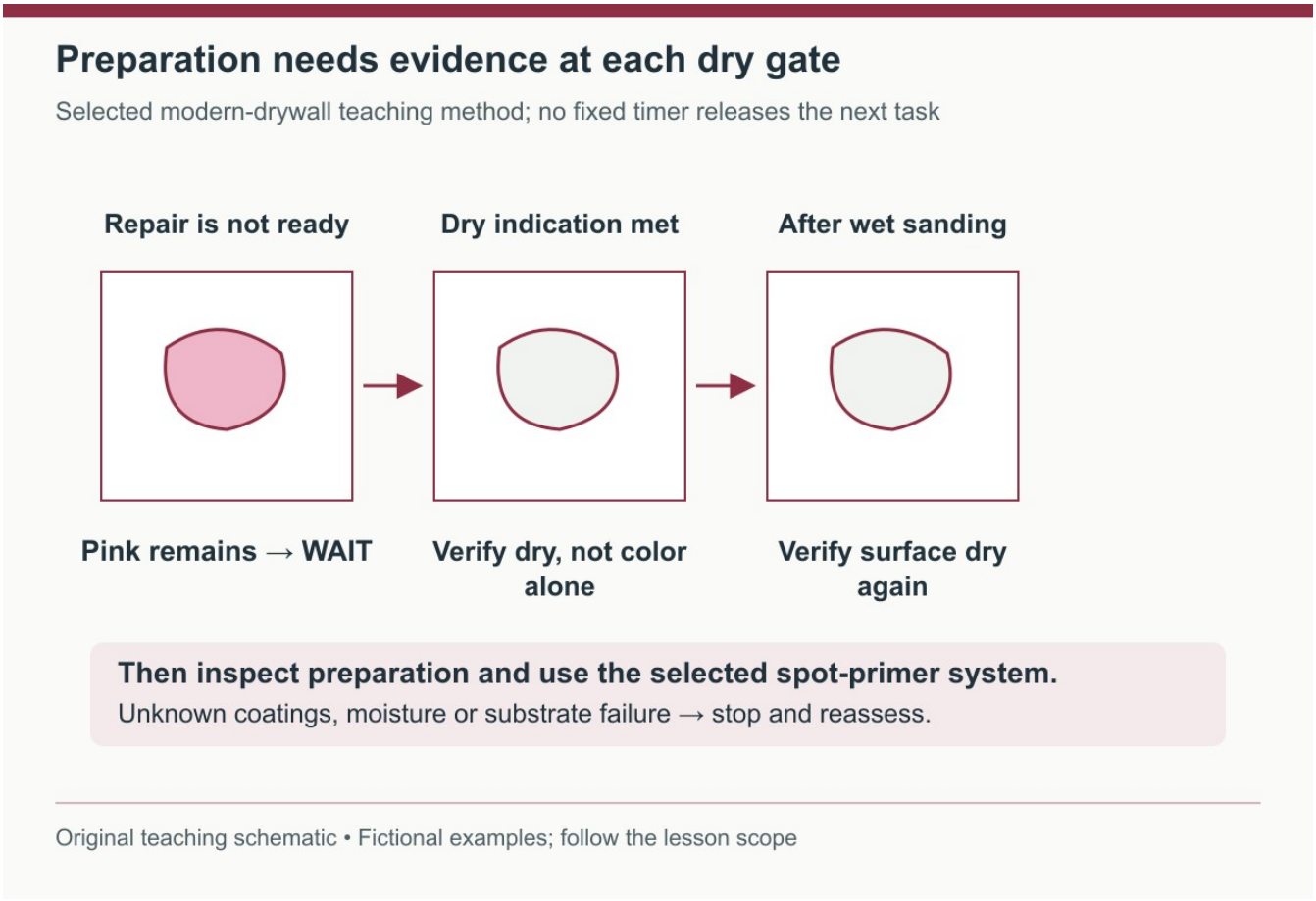
1. G1 fail means keep sanding/primer blocked, protect the area, explain the revised timing and recheck later. G2 fail means allow more drying and reassess the wet process before any primer. Record any extra active checks or supervision in owner time; the case's passed gates are invented.

Inspect preparation before committing to finish

Use the work light to inspect the repair edges and surface, then view the wall under ordinary room lighting. A proud patch can show through two coats; paint does not remove its shape. Correct permitted minor preparation defects before coating. Stop for expanding cracks, dampness, soft substrate, blistering, suspected hazardous material, or unexpected coating lift.

Write the result in F 09. Record what was repaired, what remained as agreed existing texture, what cleaning was used, whether drying was adequate, and any issue that changed the plan. Keep the record short enough to use on site but specific enough to explain a later complaint.

Case P's actual preparation takes 180 minutes including protection and cleanup of preparation dust, compared with the 120-minute accepted allowance. The additional hour stays within the original eight-hole scope and is the operator's estimating learning, not an unapproved customer surcharge. Record that extra time rather than quietly reducing the handoff or skipping primer to recover the schedule.



Conceptual selected-product teaching sequence. A color change or elapsed time alone is not a universal readiness test.

Practice

The patch still shows pink in a deeper spot, but the surrounding edge is white. Can you sand and prime it to stay on schedule?

Worked answer

No. The deeper area has not met the selected product's dry indication. Allow the repair to dry as instructed, reassess the depth and method, and revise the schedule if needed. Applying a finish early can preserve a defect rather than solve it.

Sources: S05, S09, S10, S11, S12. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L10 Confirm the exact primer and finish system

Prepare and deliver the system. Practice allowance 40 minutes.

Produce: A product record and a successful permitted sample decision

Use forms F10.

Record the products rather than a generic recipe

The selected finish system is BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050 on assessed previously painted drywall, with BEHR Drywall Plus Interior Primer and Sealer No. 73 for the repaired bare areas.

The case uses a light color and two selected finish coats. This is not a system for metal, floor, cabinets, persistent stains, or unknown glossy coatings.

Record product name, base, sheen, color formula, lot or batch, purchase date, current data-sheet date, and the surface to which it applies. Read the safety data sheet and container label before use. Confirm ventilation, skin and eye protection, storage, spill response, and any incompatibilities for the actual materials. Do not mix products or cleaners casually and do not pour leftover material back into an unrelated container.

If a different substrate, strong color change, stain, or existing coating is present, ask the manufacturer for an appropriate system and preparation. A salesperson's statement that 'paint and primer in one covers everything' does not settle adhesion or stain blocking. Do not expand the beginner scope to solve a complex coating failure simply because another primer is available.

Make a small sample a decision gate

With permission, select a representative discreet area and follow the chosen preparation and system. Record what the sample includes, when it was applied, conditions, and the observation after appropriate drying. Look for unexpected lifting, bleed-through, poor hide, contamination, or an unacceptable sheen/texture transition. A failed sample means stop and investigate; another thick coat is not an automatic fix.

The sample does not prove long-term adhesion or every wall's compatibility. Its useful purpose is to catch obvious trouble before coating the whole room and to agree appearance. For a formal adhesion test or unusual surface, use the manufacturer's appropriate method and competent assessment rather than inventing a universal tape test.

In fictional Case P, the sample shows acceptable appearance without observed lift or bleed-through, and the customer approves the selected color and sheen. Those are invented case observations. A learner's neutral form remains blank until there is actual evidence and actual permission. Never copy the case's 'pass' into a real job record.

Keep product clocks distinct

The current No. 73 primary product page publishes ready-to-topcoat at one hour and an air/surface application range of 50–90°F. Its linked technical-sheet wrapper did not expose readable timing conditions in this review, so do not invent a specific temperature/humidity basis for that one-hour statement: verify the actual container and full current sheet before real scheduling. The No. 2050 finish TDS explicitly gives one hour to touch and two hours to recoat at 77°F/50% RH, with drying dependent on temperature, humidity and film thickness. These published intervals are minimum planning floors in their applicable instructions, followed by a readiness check; they are never a universal timer release. The fictional gate record uses 77°F/50% RH but does not claim that this establishes the primer’s missing reference conditions.

The reviewed finish TDS lists four weeks for full cure while another caution mentions two weeks before washing. This course uses the longer four-week interval for the fictional care plan and requires confirmation of current product guidance if the customer needs earlier cleaning. Do not silently collapse those statements into a universal two-week full cure claim.

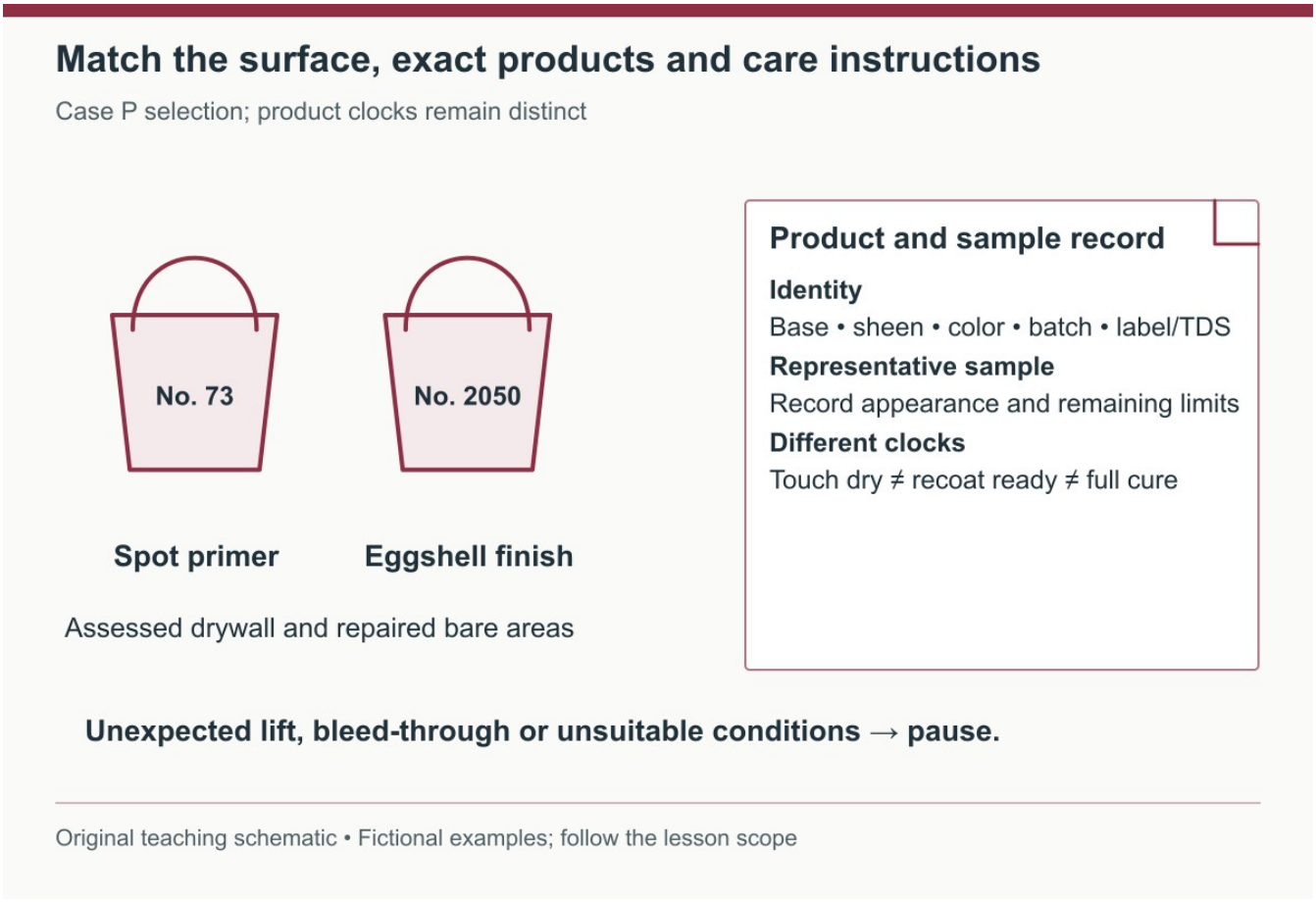
The record should tell the operator when a task can start and tell the customer what remains restricted. Recoat readiness is a process gate. Occupancy and sensitive-person exposure need a separate product- and household-specific discussion. If adequate ventilation or safe household arrangements cannot be established, postpone or decline the work.

Filled product and release record

Visit A, 12:55–13:10: exact product/approved sample review and primer setup. 13:10–13:30: apply BEHR Drywall Plus No. 73 to the bare repaired areas. 13:30–13:45: active application inspection, stock and system checks. 13:45–14:30: unattended drying, not labor. 14:30–14:40 gate G3 and tool checks: the last primer area has had at least the current product page's one-hour topcoat interval; the fictional film is dry and acceptable under the recorded conditions, with no lift or bleed-through. The current container/TDS must confirm the actual interval and conditions before a real job. Product checks/application total 60 active minutes. A clock or touch check alone cannot overrule the actual instructions.

1. Case P product record: DAP DRYDex 16-fluid-ounce tub, August 2024 TDS; BEHR Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer No. 73 on bare repairs; BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050, Ultra Pure White (UPW), factory white with no added tint formula, May 2025 TDS. Teaching inventory codes P-DRYDEX-A, P-73-A and P-2050-A are invented record IDs, not manufacturer lot codes. In a real record enter actual container lot/base and purchase evidence.

2. The fictional representative sample on the assessed sound modern drywall is reviewed at 12:55 on November 23; the already-approved light color/eggshell appearance shows no observed lift or bleed-through. This is a paper scenario, not a real sample or a long-term compatibility test. Missing label details or failed sample evidence block the full job.



The graphic identifies the selected fictional system and record fields, not a universal product recipe, timing release or actual sample pass.

Practice

The paint feels dry after one hour. Why does that not authorize the second coat or unrestricted washing?

Worked answer

Dry-to-touch is different from the selected two-hour reference recoat interval and the longer cure period. Check current instructions and actual conditions. The case uses a four-week no-washing care plan because the reviewed TDS has different cure/cleaning statements.

Sources: S05, S10, S13. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L11 Apply the wall coats with control and inspect as you go

Prepare and deliver the system. Practice allowance 55 minutes.

Produce: A coat log showing application, defects, conditions, and the next safe step

Use forms F11.

Prepare the coating and control the edge

Confirm the approved product and color again before opening a container. Stir as instructed so settled material is incorporated. Use clean compatible tools and a stable loading area. For the selected finish, brush-and-roller thinning is not permitted by its TDS. Do not alter the product to make a slow day move faster.

Load the brush enough to work smoothly without flooding adjacent trim. Cut in the perimeter of one manageable wall section, including corners and the edges around excluded openings. Keep the line controlled and avoid leaving a heavy ridge. The selected method combines brushing and rolling while the working edge remains wet; cutting the entire room far ahead can leave a visible border.

Practice the sequence before a customer's room. If access prevents a controlled line, reposition the approved equipment or change the plan. Overreaching from a ladder to finish a corner is not an acceptable shortcut. Keep the work zone stable and pause if household activity enters it.

Roll a manageable section

Load the roller evenly in the tray without dripping, then distribute coating across a manageable area and blend into the adjacent wet section. Maintain an even film rather than squeezing the last material from a dry cover. Finish with light consistent passes to reduce heavy ridges. Work to a natural boundary and keep debris out of the coating.

Watch the wall and the tools. Excess pressure, a damaged or shedding cover, overloading, repeated rolling into partially dried material, and an edge allowed to dry can all create defects. The response is to identify the cause and use the product's appropriate correction sequence, not to keep scrubbing the setting film. Let the coating reach the required condition before a corrective pass when necessary.

The original wall diagram shows a small section next to a wet brushed edge and an adjacent completed area. Its purpose is sequence, not a mandatory universal stripe width or exact application rate. A learner should be able to explain where the next section begins, how the wet edge is maintained, and when to reload without starving the film.

Inspect between coats and record actual use

After the first coat reaches the selected product's inspection/recoat condition, check hide, drips, misses, contamination, edges, and repaired areas. Do not use a second coat to bury a loose defect or unexplained stain. Correct suitable minor issues with the approved method and revisit the system if the problem suggests incompatibility.

Record start and finish times by wall or coat, observed temperature and humidity where useful, product/batch, material issued, returned useful stock, losses, and the next permitted task. A total 'paint time' without coat order cannot show whether the interval was respected. Keep drying time separate from active work time and record any supervision that actually occurred.

Case P records 120 active owner minutes for each finish-coat block and 60 for selected spot primer and checks. The second block includes its readiness check and minor missed-area correction. These are invented teaching allowances, not a productivity promise. Finish transfer plus loss totals 2.40 gallons. Use the filled coat schedule below to distinguish active work, elapsed interval and release decision.

Filled coat log and next task decisions

Visit A, 14:40–16:40: first BEHR Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No. 2050 finish coat, 120 active minutes. Record completion at 16:40 for the last coated area. Leave the controlled room to dry unattended overnight. The finish TDS’s two-hour recoat reference at 77°F/50% RH is a minimum scheduling floor in those reference conditions; colder, more humid or thicker-film work may take longer. The example chooses the next day and does not count unattended time as owner labor.

Visit B, November 24, 09:00–11:00: gate G4 at 09:00 checks conditions, first-coat dryness, hide, edges, contamination and repaired areas before any new paint. The last first-coat area has had 16 hours 20 minutes, but elapsed time alone is insufficient. The fictional check finds it dry and acceptable, so the second coat follows; the gate, minor missed-area correction and application together use 120 active minutes. Record the last second-coat area complete at 11:00. An unexpected soft film, lift or stain would block the coat and trigger reassessment.

Visit B, 11:00–11:30: controlled cleanup and stock/waste record. 11:30–12:00: unattended drying without active duty. 12:00–12:15 gate G5 and handoff: appearance is reviewed without rubbing the fresh film; the fictional customer accepts the included walls under agreed room lighting, with no open appearance item. Cleanup and handoff total 45 active minutes. One hour after coat two is only the finish’s reference touch time; it is not full cure, a washing release or universal occupancy clearance. Use the four-week no-washing care plan through December 22, 2026, 11:00, and confirm current manufacturer guidance for any earlier cleaning need.

1. Coat one: last area November 23 at 16:40. Coat two: gate G4 November 24 at 09:00, then last area complete at 11:00. Record times for the last relevant area rather than starting every interval at the first brush stroke.

2. G4 fail: do not apply coat two; maintain the assessed controls, report the changed target and obtain manufacturer/qualified advice for unexplained film problems. G5 does not grant washing or occupancy clearance; retain the care and household-specific restrictions.



Original method sequence. It does not establish skill or a universal section width.

Practice

You see a roller ridge and a partly dry edge. Should you push harder and keep rerolling until it disappears?

Worked answer

No. Stop the action causing the defect. Check loading, tool condition, section size, and film readiness. Follow the selected product's correction and drying guidance rather than working partially set coating into a worse surface. Reposition safely and reload as appropriate.

Sources: S05, S14, S15. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L12 Clean up and give an honest drying and care handoff

Prepare and deliver the system. Practice allowance 45 minutes.

Produce: A secured clean room, controlled waste record, and customer-specific care note

Use forms F12.

Clean without moving the problem into a drain

Keep reusable tools, useful stock, and waste separate. Remove as much useful coating as practical from tools into the appropriate original material stream without contaminating it. Follow product cleaning instructions, contain the resulting wash material, and prevent paint or contaminated liquid from entering the storm drain or an unapproved drain. 'Water-based' does not mean drain-safe.

The selected finish's manufacturer specifies warm soapy-water tool cleaning and says not to dispose of the product down a drain. Local business-waste requirements still govern the resulting material. Austin's household hazardous-waste drop-off does not accept waste generated by a business. Do not use the customer's household eligibility to evade the commercial route.

Before accepting work, identify an appropriate commercial receiver and verify accepted waste type, packaging, quantity, charges, transport, and receipt arrangements. Consult TCEQ's business-waste guidance when classification or paint-related universal-waste rules are relevant. The $20 case allowance is invented; it proves neither acceptance nor a real fee. A real job stays unready until a lawful workable route is established.

Remove protection with attention to the finish

Follow the selected tape's removal instructions and protect the newly coated edge from tearing. Collect small debris and check the floor and adjacent surfaces before removing the last protection. Do not drag a paint-contaminated sheet across clean flooring. Inspect the access route and restore only the items the agreement allows you to move.

Close and label useful leftover stock with product, color, room, date, and ownership. Store and transport containers upright and secured under product instructions, away from unsuitable heat, freezing, and household access. Keep incompatible wastes apart. Do not leave an unmarked jar of paint or a leaking waste pail in the customer's garage.

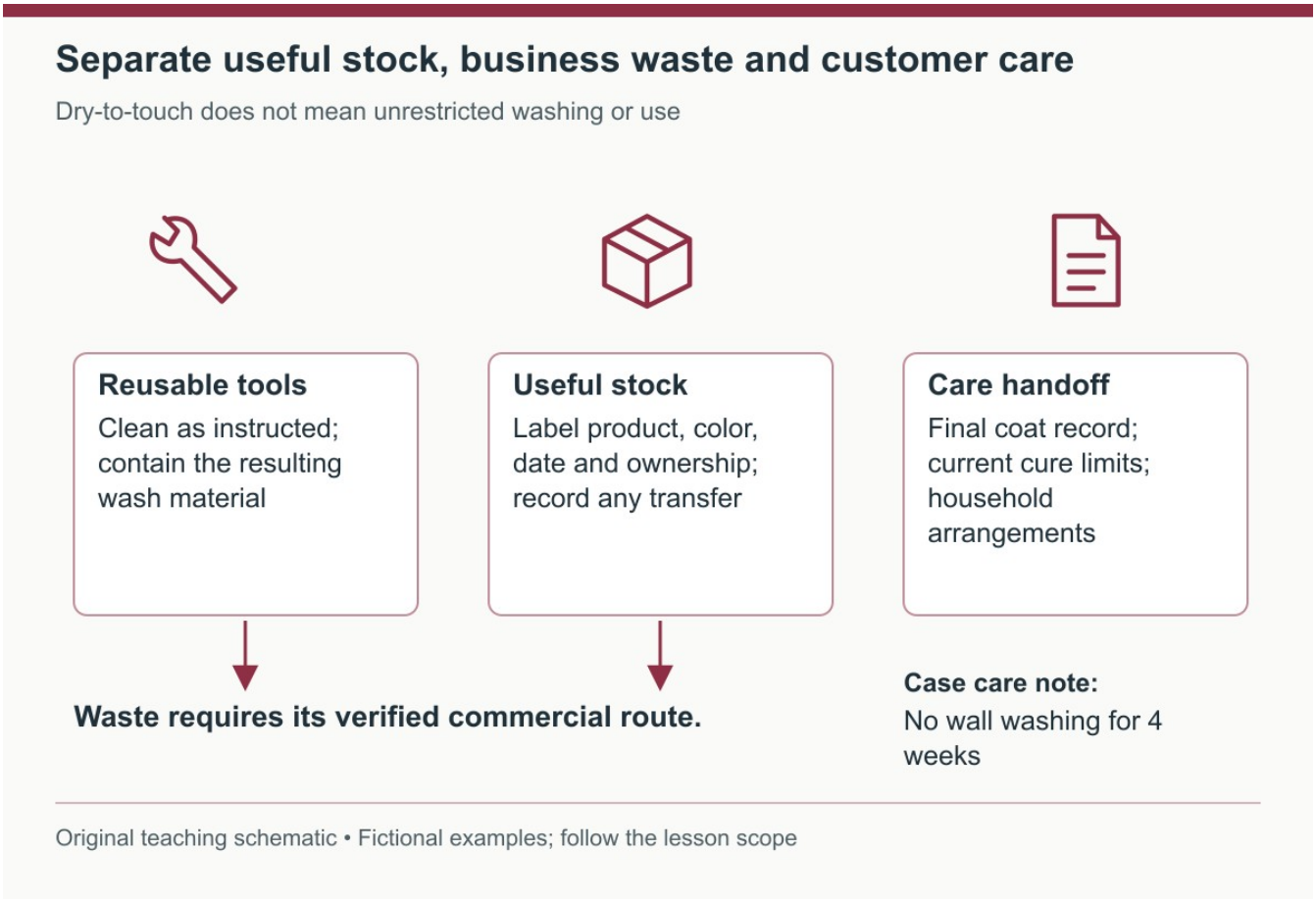
Case P retains 0.60 gallon of finish and 0.88 gallon of primer as business stock, plus remaining patch and tape. The customer gets the exact product/color record. If a real agreement gives the leftover paint to the customer, document the transfer and remove it from business inventory rather than claiming the same stock remains available for the next job.

Explain what dry does and does not mean

Walk the room with the authorized customer and describe the final coat time, conditions, remaining drying/cure expectations, ventilation plan, and care limits. Explain that moving furniture against the wall, wiping, rubbing, attaching items, or using cleaners can damage a coating that feels dry but is still curing. Tailor the arrangement to the actual product and household; do not give a generic 'safe in two hours' assurance.

The fictional care note says the selected finish was last applied during Visit B, the room must remain controlled and ventilated as agreed, and walls are not to be washed for four weeks pending the current product guidance discussed in L 10. If someone reports headache, eye irritation, dizziness, or other symptoms, stop exposure and follow appropriate product/medical advice; this course does not establish medical suitability.

Give a clear route for an access or workmanship question, the included follow-up window, and what information to send. Do not promise unlimited free repainting. Preserve a record of the handoff and any unresolved item so a later conversation starts with facts rather than a claim that 'everything was fine.'



The four-week care note belongs to the selected case and product review; confirm current instructions and actual conditions for a real job.

Practice

Can the operator take business-generated paint waste to Austin’s household drop-off because the customer lives in Austin?

Worked answer

No. The official site excludes waste generated by a business. Confirm the commercial route before work, package and transport it appropriately, and retain evidence of actual receipt. The case allowance is not proof of a disposal arrangement.

Sources: S05, S16, S17, S18. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L13 Accept the work collect payment and learn from actuals

Close and learn. Practice allowance 45 minutes.

Produce: A completed acceptance record and a reconciled estimate-to-actual comparison

Use forms F13.

Use the agreed acceptance process

Inspect the included walls with the customer under the agreed normal viewing conditions. Compare the actual work with the written scope, approved color and sheen, preparation limits, and documented

existing texture. Address missed areas, drips, and unintended damage rather than dismissing them as customer preference. Separate a workmanship correction from a request for new excluded work.

List any open item, who is responsible for the next action, and the date or condition for returning. Customer acceptance is not a waiver of every legal right. Avoid promising that a photograph or signature resolves every possible issue. Keep records factual and proportionate, and use actual business terms that fit local law.

The fictional customer accepts the four included walls after a small missed area is corrected within the recorded application time. The declined closet is untouched, pre-existing baseboard scuffs remain documented, and the care note is supplied. This is an invented teaching outcome, not a customer testimonial or evidence of the learner's ability.

Invoice and reconcile actual money

The invoice identifies the lump-sum residential scope and the $900 agreed price. It records no customer sales tax for this selected contract classification. Show accepted changes separately when they exist and retain the customer approval. Record payment method, gross receipt, date, processing deduction, refund if any, and balance due. Do not mark an invoice paid because it was sent.

For a $450 first payment under the fictional fee assumption, the fee is $13.80 and the unpaid customer balance remains $450. Two $450 payments produce $27.60 total fees, $0.30 more than the single-payment case. Cash received, service revenue, tax collected, and profit are different measures. The planner uses separate fields so an unpaid balance is visible.

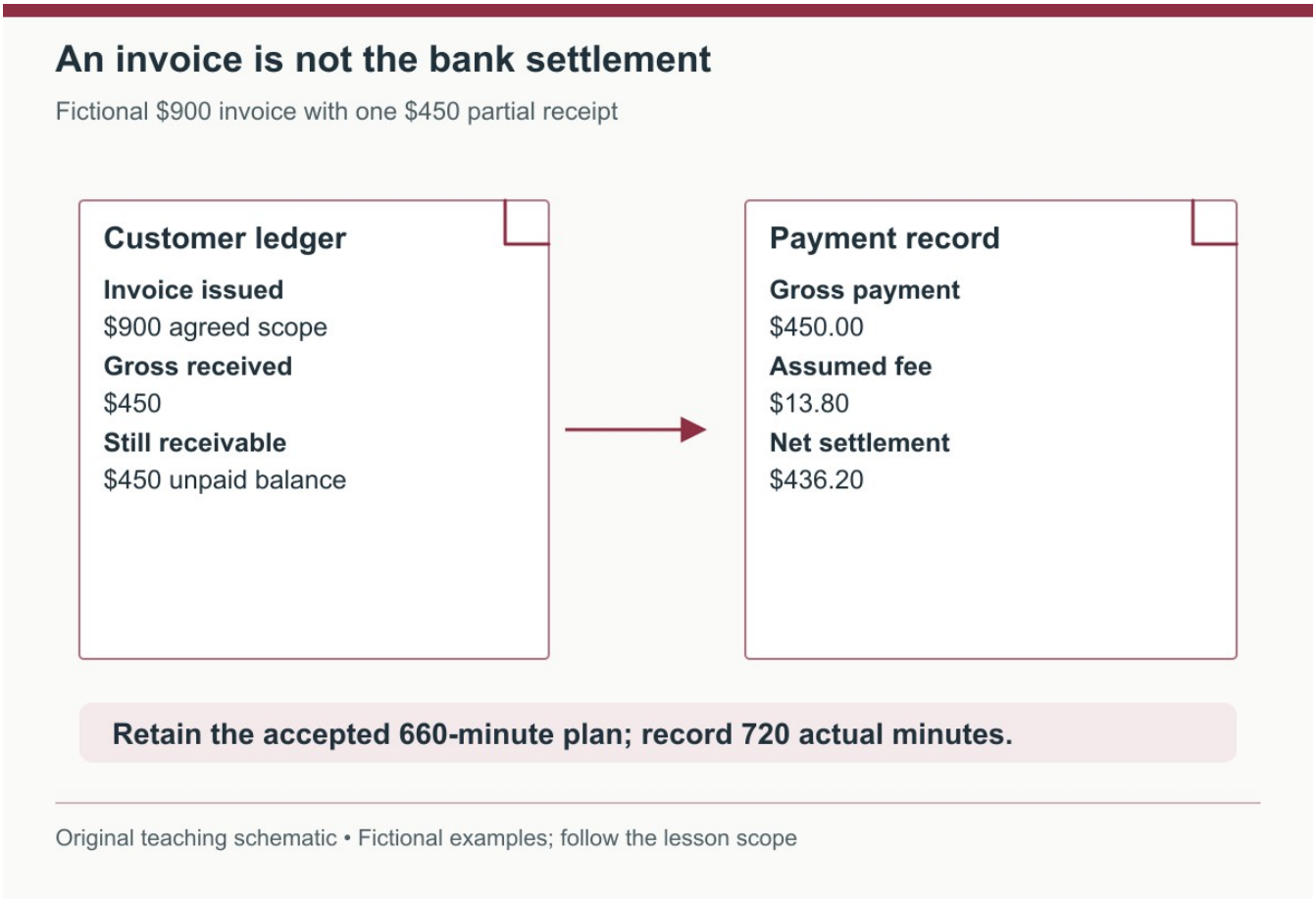
If the customer later receives a documented $100 gross refund in this zero-tax case, service revenue falls by $100 and the original $27.30 processing fee remains under the stated assumption. The before-reserve result becomes $206.575 and the after-reserve management remainder becomes $171.575, before any correction costs. Actual provider rules may differ and must replace this teaching assumption.

Improve the next estimate without rewriting this one

Compare the accepted 660-minute baseline with the actual 720 minutes. Identify the extra preparation hour, record why it happened, and decide how the next similar assessment should change. Do not improve apparent profit by deleting time spent on purchasing, travel, or follow-up. Do not retroactively change the accepted baseline to make it match the actuals.

Review materials as carefully as labor. Case P purchases $179 but consumes or loses $125.125, leaving $53.875 of useful stock. The financial comparison retains full-precision unit costs, then rounds cash and display amounts appropriately. Useful leftover inventory is neither cash nor an excuse to ignore the purchase funding requirement.

Ask permission for one follow-up about the finish and care, and for a truthful review only after the work has been addressed. A sample message, unsent: 'How is the room working for you? Please follow the care note while the finish cures. If you see an issue, send a description and a photo so we can agree the next step.' Record actual repeat interest separately from the original campaign. No repeat booking is assumed in this course.



Selected lesson payment assumptions; actual processor terms replace them. The accepted time baseline is preserved separately from actuals.

Practice

The accepted estimate allowed 11 hours, but actual work took 12 hours. May you change the baseline to 12 hours and call the comparison on plan?

Worked answer

No. Preserve the dated 11-hour baseline and record the one-hour adverse variance. At $30 per hour the economic result is $30 lower. Revise future estimating assumptions only after retaining the original order's evidence.

Sources: S03. Full links and limits are in the source register.

L14 Rehearse the complete order and decide whether to launch

Close and learn. Practice allowance 45 minutes.

Produce: A single readiness decision supported by the complete paperwork and a practical rehearsal

Use forms F14.

Run one coherent rehearsal

Use a permitted suitable practice setting and a fictional customer request. Start with inquiry and eligibility, then inspect and measure, select the method, calculate whole-pack purchases, price the

complete owner cycle, prepare the agreement, and schedule the actual drying gates. Rehearse protection, preparation, application, cleanup, handoff, invoicing, and actual comparison. A pile of forms filled with incompatible numbers is not a finished rehearsal.

Keep physical practice distinct from paper simulation. Paperwork can test arithmetic and decision order; it cannot prove that the operator can cut a clean edge, handle a ladder, control dust, or protect a customer's floor. Demonstrate those tasks safely with appropriate instruction and feedback before accepting equivalent paid work. Do not copy the fictional case's sample passes, permissions, or disposal notes into your own evidence.

Use the workbook as a tool rather than an answer generator. Enter your actual quantities, time, prices, purchase sizes, travel, payment terms, tax classification, and costs into the neutral own-business areas. Unknown blanks should remain unresolved; a confirmed numeric zero is a real input. Save a dated copy and retain the accepted baseline before changing assumptions.

Stress the job before committing cash

Test four problems: coverage falls to 250 square feet per gallon; preparation adds two owner hours; the customer pays in two installments; and a suitability problem means no work is sold. Explain what changes in material purchase cash, inventory, owner value, processing, balance due, and the decision to proceed. A profitable base example does not establish that a thinly priced real order can absorb those changes.

For the separate no-sale illustration, a free assessment uses 90 owner minutes at $30 per hour, $12 travel cash, $6 economic vehicle use, and $10 overhead allocation. With no invoice and no payment there is no processing fee. The economic loss is $73, before any separate campaign cost. This is the cost of the unsuccessful assessment population; do not hide it inside the successful job's revenue or invent a payment.

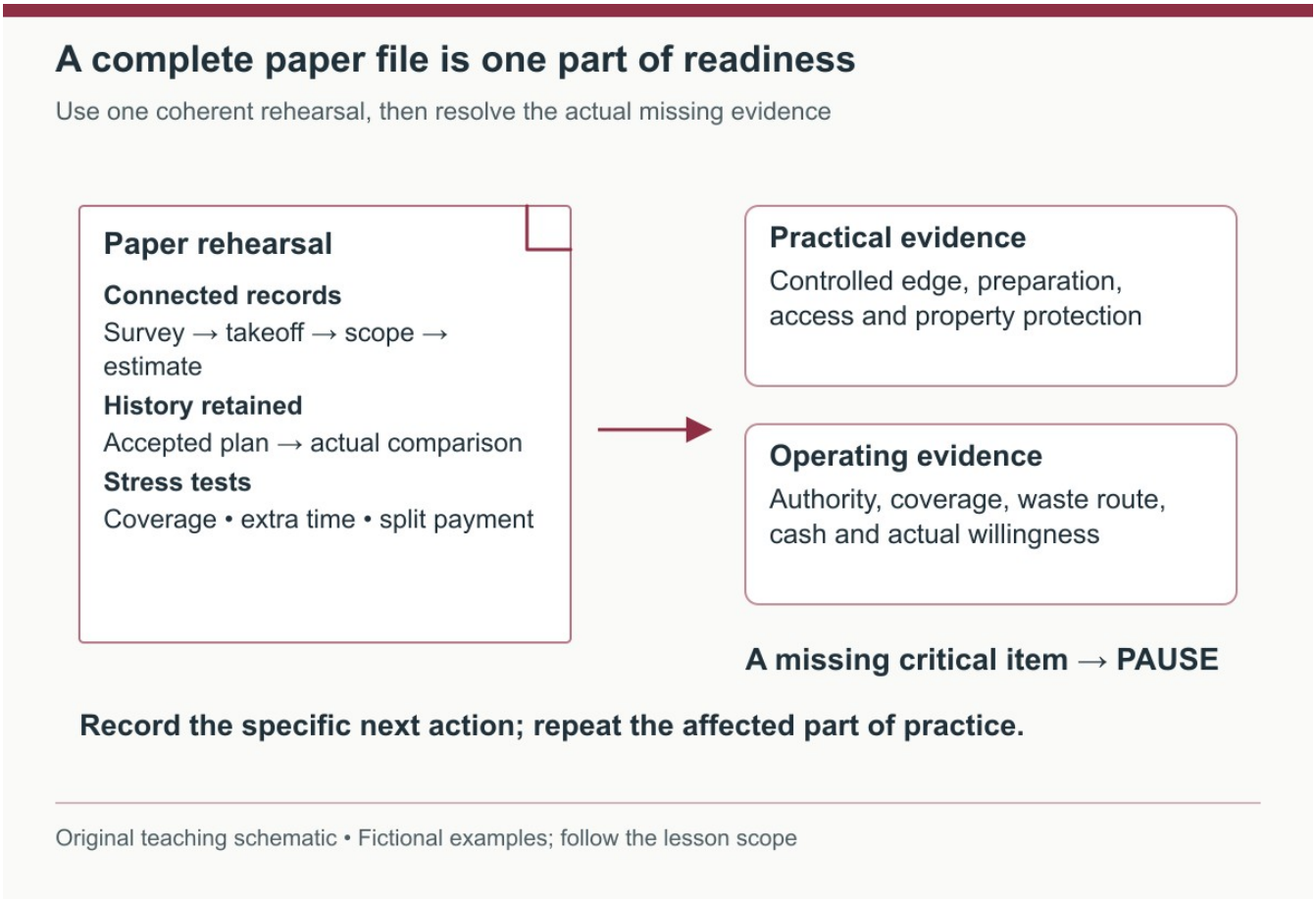
Check capacity as well as money. Drying and access can spread 12 active hours across more than one visit and occupy dates the operator cannot freely resell. Preserve enough calendar room for a justified correction or a delayed recoat. A buffer is a planning allowance, not automatically paid labor or a fee.

Make one clear launch decision

Proceed only when the starter offer is supported by actual competence, local authority, insurance arrangements, workable job and waste controls, credible customer willingness, sufficient cash, and a full-price model. Name any unresolved item and the person or evidence that can resolve it. 'Almost ready' should not become a customer's unplanned experiment.

The final checklist asks for one coherent decision rather than a score. A critical unresolved hazard, missing authorization, unsafe access, incompatible system, unfunded purchase, or unworkable price means pause. Fix the cause and repeat the affected part of the rehearsal. You do not need to repeat every lesson when one narrow issue changes.

For the first suitable paid room, keep the promise modest and the records complete. Review the whole cycle after delivery, including unbillable acquisition and administration, and change the next estimate using evidence. Expand into other surfaces or methods only when training, demonstrated results, actual permissions, and the business case support the additional work.



Original readiness schematic. Completed worksheets do not establish field competence or a customer's willingness to pay.

Practice

You can calculate the case perfectly but cannot keep a controlled ceiling line or use the necessary access equipment safely. Are you ready for that paid room?

Worked answer

No. The missing practical ability is a readiness requirement. Obtain suitable instruction and practice, then demonstrate the task safely or choose a genuinely accessible narrower job. Passing the paper calculation does not qualify the operator for physical work.

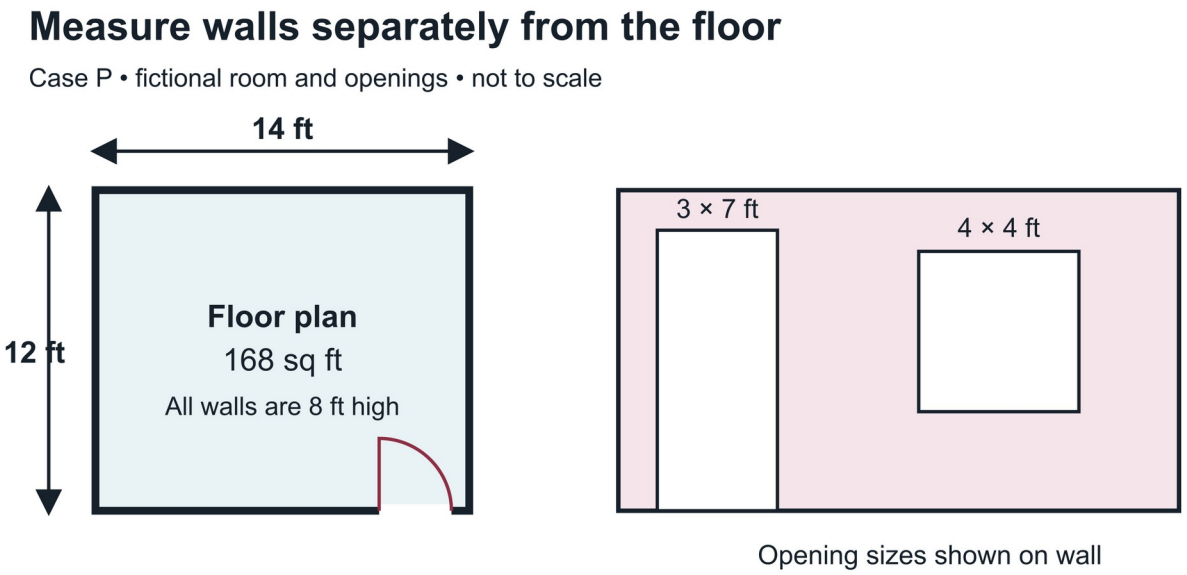
Sources: S02, S05, S06. Full links and limits are in the source register.

One complete readiness decision

- Actual written starter offer and local requirements resolved.
- Old-coating and material hazards resolved before disturbance.
- Practical finish, protection and access skills demonstrated appropriately.
- Assessed walls and a suitable combined product system with actual permission.
- Whole-pack purchase funding and the complete owner cycle priced.
- Actual commercial waste route and charges confirmed.
- Credible matching-scope customer willingness, agreement and calendar capacity.
- Neutral forms and planner used coherently with a dated static baseline.
- Adverse time, coverage, payment, refund and no-sale cases understood.
- Care handoff, acceptance and follow-up boundaries agreed.

Original visual reference

Room and wall takeoff



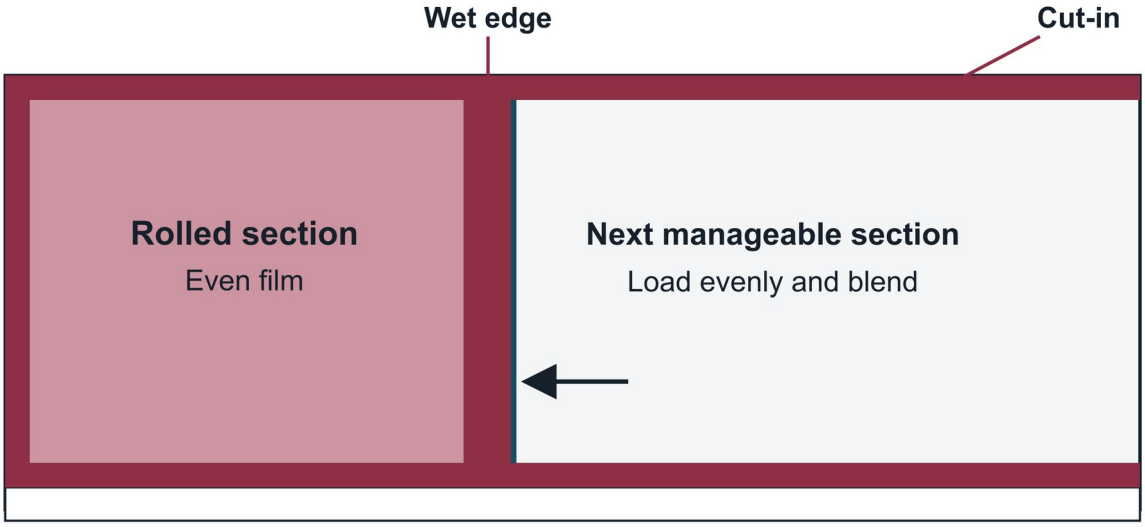
Gross walls	2 × (12 + 14) × 8 = 416 sq ft
Net walls	416 − 21 − 16 = 379 sq ft
Two finish coats	379 × 2 = 758 coat-sq-ft

Case P: floor 168 square feet; gross walls 416; net walls 379; two finish coats 758 coat-square-feet.

Work a manageable wet edge

Control the edge and the film

Method sequence • exact product instructions and actual conditions govern



Brush one manageable area, then roll into its wet edge.

Do not starve the cover or keep working partly set coating.

Reposition safe access equipment instead of overreaching.

Original method sequence. It does not establish skill or a universal section width.

Active work and coating gates

Plan the calendar. Release work at each gate.

Case P • invented observations on Nov 23–24, 2026 • no timer-only approval

VISIT A • Patch, re-dry, prime, then coat one

G1 • DAP DRYDex	G2 • After wet sanding	G3 • BEHR No. 73
White with no pink; repair dry before controlled wet sanding. 11:00 HOLD → 12:00 PASS*	Slurry removed; surface clean, sound and dry again. 12:50–12:55 PASS*	Current topcoat instructions and film readiness both met. 14:30–14:40 PASS*

Coat one: Nov 23, 14:40–16:40 • Last-area completion starts the interval

VISIT B • Inspect before coat two; hand off with care limits

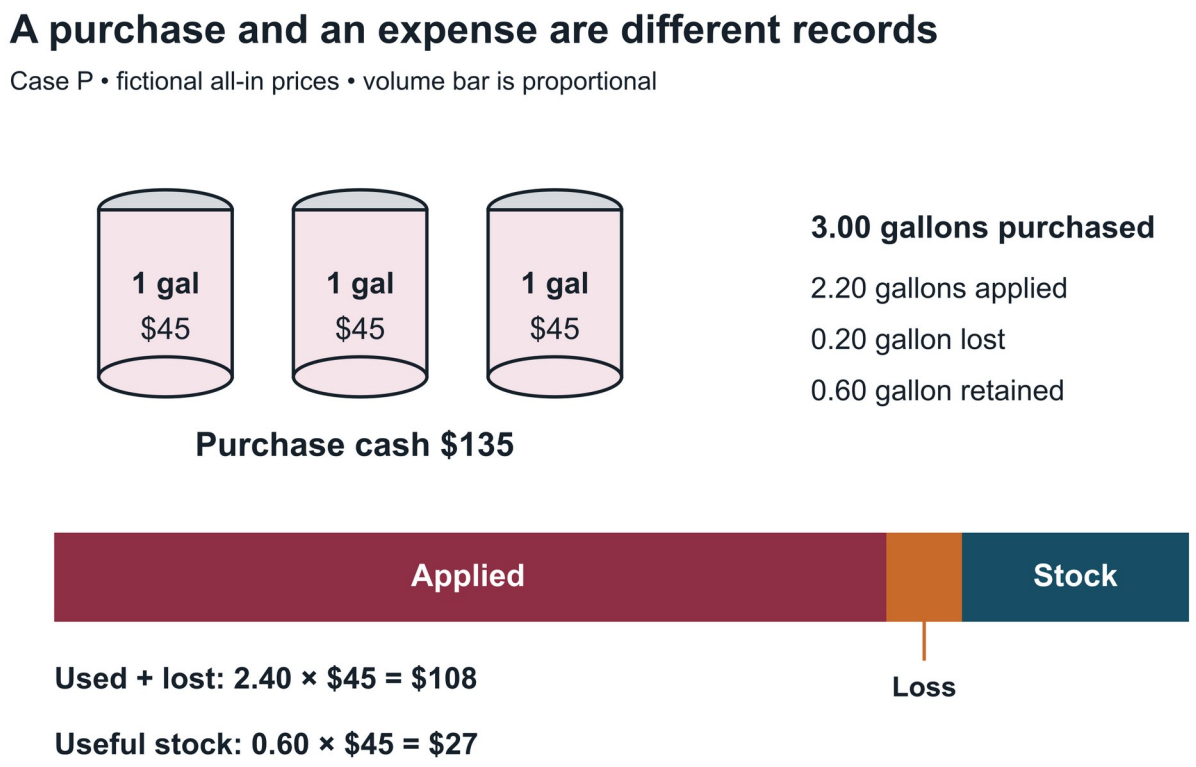
G4 • BEHR No. 2050	G5 • Appearance and care
09:00: first coat dry and acceptable?* 2-hour recoat reference at 77°F / 50% RH; actual conditions may require longer.	12:00–12:15: view without damage.* Touch-dry ≠ cure or occupancy release. Case: no washing for four weeks.

***These times record fictional observations, not required waiting periods.**

720 owner minutes: active tasks + full travel/admin. Unattended waiting is calendar only.

G1 filler dry; G2 dry again after wet sanding; G3 primer ready; G4 recoat ready; G5 appearance and care. Fixed hours alone release no task. See the filled Case P calendar.

Purchase cash and material use



Case P finish purchase $135. Applied 2.20 gallons plus 0.20 loss consumes $108. Remaining 0.60 gallon is worth $27.

Accessible brush work



Original AI-generated teaching scene. It is not a measured job, an exact product demonstration or proof of practical competence. Follow the assessed wall and selected product instructions.

Source register

These sources support the identified product, platform and jurisdiction only. Recheck changing rules and exact model instructions before work. Case evidence and illustrations are original fictional teaching material, not field validation.

S01 Work Exempt from Building Permits

City of Austin. Checked 2026-11-20. Painting appears in permit-exempt finish work; exempt work still must comply with applicable requirements.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.austintexas.gov/development-services/work-exempt-building-permits

S02 Renovation Repair and Painting Program Contractors

US Environmental Protection Agency. Checked 2026-11-20. Covered compensated paint-disturbing work, firm certification, training and work practices; no universal small-job exemption.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.epa.gov/lead/renovation-repair-and-painting-program-contractors

S03 Real Property Repair and Remodeling

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Checked 2026-11-20. Selected residential lump-sum contractor pays purchase tax and does not charge customer sales tax; separated and nonresidential work differ.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/94-116.php

S04 Contractor Registration

City of Austin. Checked 2026-11-20. Contractor registration for assignment to building permits; not a national painter-license determination.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.austintexas.gov/development-services/contractor-registration

S05 Premium Plus Interior Eggshell No 2050 Technical Data Sheet May 2025

Behr Paint Company. Checked 2026-11-20. Selected product, compatible system, coverage range, tools, no brush/roller thinning, reference drying and cure, cleanup and limitations.

Current sheet reviewed; full cure 4 weeks versus two-week cleaning caution is explicitly retained; case takes longer 4 week care interval. Not a universal recipe.

https://s7d9.scene7.com/is/content/behr/2050_tds_us

S06 Portable Ladder Safety QuickCard

Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Checked 2026-11-20. Inspection, rated use, stable ladder practice,3-point contact climbing, no top step/cap use; physical training still needed.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/PORTABLE_LADDER_QC.pdf

S07 Reducing Falls in Construction Safe Use of Stepladders

Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Checked 2026-11-20. Stepladder selection, spreaders, stable footing, traffic, overreach and load hazards.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.osha.gov/sites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fpublications%2FOSHA3662.pdf

S08 Plan your business and market research

US Small Business Administration. Checked 2026-11-20. Direct market research and competitive assessment. Campaign, copy and economics in this course are original fictional teaching designs.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.sba.gov/counseling/plan-your-business/

S09 Interior Eggshell Enamel Product Information

Behr Paint Company. Checked 2026-11-20. Exact No. 2050 product identity; separate detergent wash/rinse/dry for dirt and grease, damp-cloth dust removal and drying; application range and stated care guidance.

Current primary page checked November 20, 2026. Does not identify a universal detergent brand/dilution. Page's two-week cleaning statement differs from TDS four-week full-cure entry; both retained.

https://www.behr.com/pro/products/interior-products/interior-paints-and-coatings/paints-and-coatings/behr-premium-plus-interior/behr-premium-plus-eggshell-enamel

S10 Drywall Plus Primer and Sealer No 73

Behr Paint Company. Checked 2026-11-20. No. 73 on properly prepared coated/uncoated low-moisture interior surfaces; one-hour ready-to-topcoat statement; 50–90°F air/surface application range; distinct detergent wash/rinse/dry and damp-cloth dust removal/dry steps.

Current product page accessible. Its linked 73_tds_us.html wrapper exposed only a title; direct PDF/Scene7 guesses were unavailable. Specific reference temperature/RH for the one-hour statement were not independently established here. Confirm current full TDS/container before a real job; no invented primer timing basis.

https://www.behr.com/pro/products/interior-products/interior-primers-sealers-and-undercoaters/primers-sealers-and-undercoaters/behr-drywall-primer-sealer

S11 DryDex Spackling Technical Data Sheet August 2024

DAP Global. Checked 2026-11-20. 16-fl-oz tub instructions: clean/dry/sound substrate, stir before use, under-1/8-inch shallow repair lane, variable pink-to-white drying, full drying between deeper layers, wet sanding recommended.

August 2024 TDS reached from the current DAP product-page English link on November 20, 2026. Approximate 1–5 hours varies; no fixed duration for re-drying after wet sanding is stated. Its patch/prime claim does not override the finish-system bare-area spot-primer direction.

https://images.dap.com/DryDex%20Spackling%20TDS%20Final%20(1)_LEGAL%205%2022%2024%20(1)%20JUNKER%20-%20TCSV%2009JUL24%20(OTG%20Rev1).pdf

S12 DryDex Spackling Product Page

DAP Global. Checked 2026-11-20. Exact DRYDex identity, current TDS link and FAQ dry indicator/no-pink and wait-longer-if-clogging clarification.

Product-page marketing says no mixing required while the linked 16-fl-oz tub TDS says stir thoroughly. This course names the tub and follows its detailed TDS; actual label/current manufacturer clarification governs unresolved differences.

https://www.dap.com/products/patch-repair/drydex-dry-time-indicator-spackling

S13 Safety Data Sheets

Behr Paint Company. Checked 2026-11-20. Locate current SDS for actual selected base; read container safety instructions. Course does not substitute for SDS.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.behr.com/pro/products/safety-msds

S14 How to Load a Brush and Roller

Behr Paint Company. Checked 2026-11-20. Stirring, loading and wet-edge brush/roller principles; exact coating TDS governs.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.behr.com/how-to/interior/how-to-load-a-brush-and-roller

S15 Painting Ceilings Walls and Trim

Sherwin-Williams. Checked 2026-11-20. General wall brush-to-roller wet-edge sequence only. No Sherwin-Williams coating schedule is imported into BEHR example.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://images.sherwin-williams.com/content_images/sw-pdf-jfs-paint-room.pdf

S16 Recycle and Reuse Center

City of Austin. Checked 2026-11-20. Household hazardous waste facility excludes any waste generated by a business.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.austintexas.gov/resource-recovery/locations/recycle-and-reuse-drop-center

S17 Managing Universal Waste

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Checked 2026-11-20. Texas paint and paint-related waste provisions require appropriate classification; no household route assumed for contractor waste.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/waste_permits/ihw_permits/ihw_universal_waste.html/

S18 Report Water Pollution

City of Austin. Checked 2026-11-20. Paint is a listed water-pollution threat; prevent storm-drain release and use actual local commercial waste arrangements.

Primary source checked online; verify current instructions and local applicability before real work.

https://www.austintexas.gov/services/report-water-pollution