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## HOW TO PREPARE A ROOM FOR PAINTING

There are no special techniques or methods that you need to use with FrogTape. Here are some general tips for applying painter's tape to trim or other surfaces.



### Applying painter's tape:

- 1 Clean the surface to be masked. Make sure it is dust-free and dry.
- 2 If the surface has been recently painted make sure the paint has cured. Please refer to the FAQ page of FrogTape.com for more information.
- 3 For accurate placement, adhere FrogTape in short sections to avoid stretching the tape. Stretching the tape affects the elasticity of the paper and can cause the tape to lift off the wall over time.
- 4 Make sure FrogTape is flush to the edge that you will be painting.
- 5 Using a putty knife or 5-in-1 tool, press the tape you laid to burnish it to the surface you are masking.
  - If you are taping on a textured surface, some specialized taping techniques might be required. See the “How to Tape on a Textured Surface” article for more information.

### Removing painter's tape:

- 1 Remove the tape immediately after you are finished painting. This will help prevent paint from bridging over the tape and tearing when you remove it. When latex paint begins to dry, it becomes rubbery (like a rubber band) and has a tendency to pull.
- 2 Remove the tape slowly and pull at a 90 degree angle.
  - If the new paint does begin to tear, gently score the edges of the tape with a razor blade.
  - If the tape begins to tear the wallboard when it is being removed, this likely means that you have masked on a poorly bonded surface. Try softening the tape's adhesive with a blow-dryer.

**Still have questions? Please call 1-877-FROGTAPE, 8 am to 5 pm EST to speak with a live representative.**

NOTE: FrogTape was designed for use with latex paints for interior/exterior home painting projects. If you wish to use FrogTape in another application you must test before use. Please see the tape core or the FAQ section of FrogTape.com for more information.