

How to Choose the Right Paint Roller

Rollers help you paint large surfaces quickly, but choosing the wrong roller cover can really slow you down.

Rollers are available in a variety of sizes and pile lengths. Discount multi-pack roller covers will not give you good results because cheaper rollers will leave a substantial amount of lint in the painted surface. A better roller will leave very little or no lint.

We recommend Benjamin Moore's shed-resistant professional roller covers, which are available in a variety of materials and sizes.

The nap or thickness of the roller cover will be determined by the finish of the paint and the roughness or texture of the surface being painted.

1. The higher the gloss, the lower the nap roller.
2. The rougher the surface texture, the higher the nap roller.
3. A typical ceiling and wall being painted with a flat or eggshell finish can be applied with a low 3/8 or 1/2 inch nap roller.
4. If you are painting a cinder-block wall with flat paint, use a 3/4 or 1 inch nap roller.

For best results, *ALWAYS READ THE PAINT CAN LABEL*. Professionals read the paint can labels to get the paint manufacturers' most up-to-date information and instructions on the use of each specific paint. Every paint is different, and the labels provide important information, such as the average coverage area per gallon, drying times, number of coats needed, and surface preparation requirements. The labels also give specific safety information that should be carefully adhered to.