

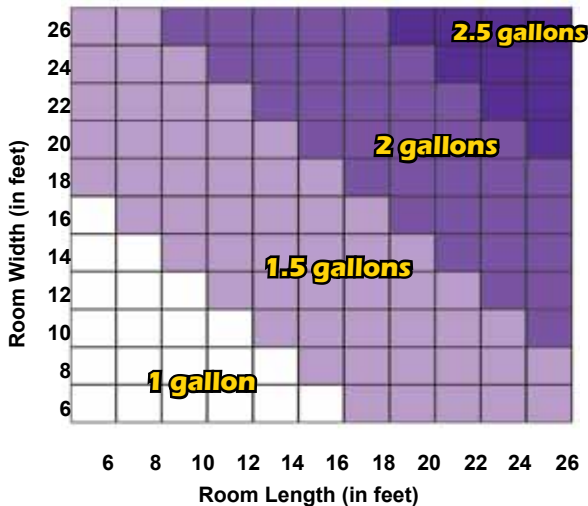


# How much paint do you need?



## PAINT MATRIX

Use this table to estimate the number of gallons needed for each coat.



## SAVE MONEY!

Buy the right amount

- Use the paint matrix
- Don't buy more than you need
- Eliminate storing issues

## DID YOU KNOW?

Californians buy more paint than they need

- The U.S. EPA estimates that 10% of paint sold becomes waste
- We waste more than \$90,000,000 per year buying excess paint
- 2 million gallons per year are disposed as hazardous waste
- It costs Californians more than \$16,000,000 annually to manage leftover paint



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## HAVE TOO MUCH PAINT? \*

### ➔ Store it

- Save for touch ups — write the room name on the lid to remember where you used it
- Cover the opening of the paint can with plastic wrap and securely seal the lid
- Store it in a location with good ventilation that is out of the reach of children and pets



### ➔ Donate it

- Give it to neighbors, community groups, theater companies, schools, churches or other organizations
- Check [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) or call **1-800-CLEANUP** to find options near you
- Call your City or County household hazardous waste (HHW) program for more options

\* It is illegal to put paint in the garbage or pour it down home or storm drains in California

### ➔ Recycle it

- Recycle paint through a local recycling or HHW collection program. Call **1-800-CLEANUP** or go to [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) to find a location near you.
- Paint cans may be recyclable in your local recycling program if completely empty and dry. Check with your City, County or local waste hauler.

## PAINT FORMULA

Use this formula to estimate the number of gallons needed for each coat.

- Determine the total surface area (square feet) to be painted.
  - Multiply the length times the height of each wall. Example:  
10' tall x 10' wide = 100 square feet. Don't forget the ceiling!
  - Add together the surface area of each wall.
- Choose the coverage rate from this table.

Paint and Surface Characteristics	Coverage (square feet per gallon)
Thick or textured paints applied to rough surfaces (usually exterior: stucco, brick, siding)	100
Paint applied to rough or textured surfaces	200
Heavy coat applied to semi-smooth surfaces (usually interior: walls, doors, trim)	300
Paint applied to smooth surfaces	400
Paint applied to very smooth surfaces	500

- Calculate using this formula:

$$\text{Total Surface Area} \div \text{Coverage} = \text{Number of Gallons needed per coat}$$