



DIY GUIDE: PAINTING EXTERNAL SURFACES (CLADDING, TRIMS, ETC)

# External Painting Guide

## Surface Prep

- Wipe down timber with sugar soap to remove dust, dirt, or grease
- Lightly sand the surface to help paint stick better
- Wipe off any sanding dust with a cloth
- Ideal conditions: dry weather, 10–30°C

## YOU WILL NEED

- Selleys Sugar Soap
- Sponge or rag
- Sandpaper (180–240 grit)
- Tack cloth or clean dry rag



## Primer

- Check for any cut ends, notches, or damaged spots in the pre-primed timber
- Prime these areas with a stain-blocking primer like Zinsser BIN or Dulux 1 Step
- Let it dry as per the tin (usually quick dry)

## YOU WILL NEED

- Zinsser BIN Primer
- Paintbrush (small, 25–38mm works well)



## Apply Topcoat

- Apply 2 coats of Dulux Weathershield or Taubmans All Weather exterior paint
- Use a brush for edges/corners and a roller (10–12mm nap) for larger surfaces
- Let first coat dry fully before applying second (check recoat time on tin – usually 2–4 hours for water-based)

## YOU WILL NEED

- Dulux Weathershield Exterior Paint
- Brush (50–63mm for edges)
- Roller & tray (10–12mm nap)
- Drop sheet

