

# Painters, Construction and Maintenance

SOC: 47-2141 • Career Profile Report

## ■ Key Facts

<b>\$48,660</b> Median Salary	<b>342,200</b> Employment	<b>+4.0%</b> Growth Rate
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## ■ Requirements & Salary Range

**Education:** No formal educational credential

## ■ Automation Risk Assessment

**Medium Risk** - 35.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.  
This job has some routine elements but still requires human judgment and interaction.

## ■ Work-Life Balance

**6.2/10** - Good work-life balance

## ■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

<b>Realistic</b>	9.4/10	<b>Investigative</b>	5.8/10
<b>Artistic</b>	4.0/10	<b>Social</b>	5.0/10
<b>Enterprising</b>	5.0/10	<b>Conventional</b>	6.0/10

## ■ Top Skills Required

Ability to work at heights, Communication skills, Detail oriented, Physical stamina, Physical strength

### ✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

### ■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

## ■ What They Do

Painters, Construction and Maintenance typically perform the following tasks:

- Cover surfaces with dropcloths or masking tape and paper to protect surfaces during painting.
- Read work orders or receive instructions from supervisors or homeowners to determine work requirements.
- Apply paint, stain, varnish, enamel, or other finishes to equipment, buildings, bridges, or other structures, using brushes, spray guns, or rollers.
- Fill cracks, holes, or joints with caulk, putty, plaster, or other fillers, using caulking guns or putty knives.
- Smooth surfaces, using sandpaper, scrapers, brushes, steel wool, or sanding machines.
- Erect scaffolding or swing gates, or set up ladders, to work above ground level.
- Wash and treat surfaces with oil, turpentine, mildew remover, or other preparations, and sand rough spots to ensure that finishes will adhere properly.
- Apply primers or sealers to prepare new surfaces, such as bare wood or metal, for finish coats.
- Calculate amounts of required materials and estimate costs, based on surface measurements or work orders.
- Remove old finishes by stripping, sanding, wire brushing, burning, or using water or abrasive blasting.
- Remove fixtures such as pictures, door knobs, lamps, or electric switch covers prior to painting.
- Use special finishing techniques such as sponging, ragging, layering, or faux finishing.
- Waterproof buildings, using waterproofer or caulking.
- Select and purchase tools or finishes for surfaces to be covered, considering durability, ease of handling, methods of application, and customers' wishes.
- Mix and match colors of paint, stain, or varnish with oil or thinning and drying additives to obtain desired colors and consistencies.
- Polish final coats to specified finishes.
- Cut stencils and brush or spray lettering or decorations on surfaces.
- Clean tools and equipment, such as brushes and rollers.
- Hang wallpaper.

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