

## **Step-By-Step Application**

### **Painting a Room**

Though painting a room may only take 30% of the total job time (70% would be devoted to preparation), it provides the surface that is most visible. Most painters find that painting a room in a particular order offers the best results. Here is the order most often used.

**Step 1** “Cutting in” is the process of using a brush to outline various room features. Cut in around trim, outlets, light fixtures, and other interruptions in the wall surface. Cut in at both sides of inside corners, including where the ceiling meets the walls.

**Step 2** Roll paint on ceilings

**Step 3** Roll paint on walls.

**Step 4** Paint trim.

**Step 5** Paint windows and doors.

**Step 6** Remove masking; clean paint splatters off window glass.

**Step 7** Reinstall hardware, light fixtures, etc. Rehang doors.

**Step 8** Remove protective plastic and rosin paper. Return any pieces of furniture to their original locations.