

**Beautiful windows are the best natural feature in a room. All eyes are on them whether admiring the view or the lovely curtains. Windows are an eyecatcher, that's for sure.**

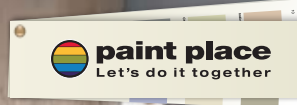
Don't ever give windows a slap-dash treatment. Take time, do the job properly and you will be proud of them every day. Do a sloppy job and you will feel stressed and compelled to paint them again. This is a case of do it right, first time job.

Use a high quality water or oil based gloss enamel. Check if the old paint is water or oil based (see page 25). Sand back imperfections, fill and undercoat the filled areas, this will stop the gloss paint looking patchy in those fixed-up spots. Prime if you have sanded back to bare wood. Use a good 38mm cutting-in brush which gives a good straight line and reaches into corners.

To achieve a clean paint edge between the glass and the window frame you can use masking tape on the glass, as shown. Let a sliver of paint onto the glass so the join between the frame and glass is sealed. You can clean up the edge later with a blade; don't worry about drips on the glass, they can be easily scraped off.

### *tips*

When painting double hung windows open the top and bottom frames so there is an overlap; first paint the top window, then the bottom one, then the window frames and finally the sill. Don't paint the runners unless they are really dirty or you are changing paint colour so there is less chance of them getting stuck.



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# HOW TO PAINT WINDOWS OUTSIDE & IN

When painting small paned windows, paint the horizontal beads first, then the vertical so the finish will look smoother.

Paint windows early in the day so they are dry by evening and they can be closed.