

# Painting instructions for Lumo homes

The paint benefit for Lumo homes covers paints and painting tools for redecorating your home yourself.

Only the walls of the apartment are allowed to be painted and the resident is responsible for the final result. Any restoration work on the ceiling, fixed furniture or floors will be charged from the resident at the end of the tenancy, if necessary. Read well the instructions below before starting to paint to make sure that your painting project is a success.

## Before starting

- Remove the skirting board or protect it well with painter's tape.
- Protect the floor with cardboard, paper or plastic and cover the edges of the ceiling and adjoining walls with painter's tape.

## Preparing the wall

- Fill any holes and other unevenness in the wall with putty and then sand the filled areas. One application of putty may not be enough to fill the deepest holes.
- Remove old peeling or cracking paint from the wall. Sand the glossy painted surface until it is matte.
- Wash the old coat of paint with a detergent for surfaces to be painted. Remove the detergent from the wall with a cloth or sponge dipped in clean water.

## Painting

- Mix the paint thoroughly before use.
- Paint the corners, edges and the spots where you applied putty with a brush or a paint edger.
- Apply one paint roller's worth of paint evenly from bottom to top, covering an area about two or three times the width of the roller. Finish the surface with strokes in one direction.
- Apply one or two coats of paint, depending on how much is needed.
- Pay attention to the drying times stated in the manufacturer's product information during all stages of the painting project. Learn more (in Finnish): <https://tikkurila.fi/ideat/kodin-kuivat-sisatilat>

## Cleaning and recycling

- Dry paint brushes, rollers and trays can be disposed of as mixed waste, but wet painting tools must be taken to a collection point for hazardous waste. Find your nearest collection point (in English): <https://kierratys.info/>
- It's a good idea to wash the tools immediately after you have finished painting so that the paint won't have time to dry. If you're painting with water-based paint, you can wash your paint rollers and brushes with water or the RENSA BRUSH detergent. If you're using solvent-based paint, you can wash the paint rollers and brushes with the thinner marked for the product.
- Always wash the painting tools in a separate container and take the water used to wash the tools to a collection point for hazardous waste.
- If you still need to use the painting tools the following day, put the brushes and rollers in an airtight plastic bag for the night.