

Ratings

Scores in context: Of the 23 interior paints we tested, the highest scored 81; the lowest, 43. Many paints, including most recommended products, are exclusive to one retailer, as noted in parentheses.

CR Best Buy Recommended
 Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor

Recommended	Rank	BRAND & MODEL	PRICE	SCORE	TEST RESULTS									
					Hiding	Staining	Gloss Change	Scrubbing	Surface Smoothness	Resists Mildew	Resists Sticking	Resists Fading	Self-Priming	Claims Zero VOCs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Behr Marquee (Home Depot)	\$43	83	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	Valspar Reserve (Lowe's)	\$44	79	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Behr Premium Plus Ultra (Home Depot)	\$36	78	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	Clark+Kensington Enamel (Ace)	\$32	76	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	5	Benjamin Moore Aura	\$54	74	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	6	Valspar Signature (Lowe's)	\$34	73	●	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
	7	Behr Premium Plus Enamel (Home Depot)	\$28	71	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	8	Olympic One (Lowe's)	\$27	71	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	9	True Value EasyCare Ultra Premium	\$24	67	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	10	Benjamin Moore Regal Select	\$54	65	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	11	True Value EasyCare Platinum Enamel	\$35	64	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	12	HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams Showcase	\$40	63	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	13	Olympic Icon (Lowe's)	\$25	62	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	14	Sherwin-Williams Emerald	\$65	61	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	15	Sherwin-Williams Duration Home	\$61	61	●	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
	16	Ace Royal Interiors	\$27	60	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	17	Glidden High Endurance (Walmart)	\$23	60	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
	18	HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams Ovation	\$29	57	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	19	Glidden Premium (Home Depot)	\$25	54	○	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
	20	Farrow & Ball Interior	\$105	52	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
	21	Color Place Interior (Walmart)	\$17	43	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●

How we test interior paints: Score is mainly hiding, surface smoothness, and resistance to staining, scrubbing, gloss change, sticking, mildew, and fading. Results reflect white, pastel, and medium-tint bases. **Hiding** is coverage of contrasting color mainly with one coat. **Staining** is resistance to water- and oil-based stains. **Gloss change** is appearance change after rough cleaning. **Scrubbing** is ability to resist an abrasive cleaner. **Surface smoothness** is absence of roller marks when dry. **Resists mildew** is ability to inhibit mildew growth. **Resists sticking** is ability to resist tackiness when dry. **Resists fading** is resistance to lightening from sun rays passing through a window. **Price** is approximate retail per gallon.

Highs & Lows

Once again, our tests have shown that price has little to do with quality. The bottom two paints in our Ratings are the most and least expensive formulas we tested:



FARROW & BALL
INTERIOR PAINT

vs.



COLOR PLACE
INTERIOR (WALMART)

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