

Painting know how

Guide to primers and other sealers

Knotting

- Paint onto resinous areas, especially knots, in wood.
- Reduces the staining that resin in wood can cause and which may discolour paintwork.
- When dry, coat knotting with wood primer.

Primer

- Apply to new or bare wood, metal or plaster.
- Buy a primer for a specific surface or use all-purpose primer.
- Prime bare plaster with proprietary sealer or a coat of emulsion diluted to one part water and four parts paint.

Primer-sealer

- For stained walls and plaster.
- Apply a second coat if stain is still visible after the first coat has dried.

Stabilising solution (exterior use only)

- Binds together surfaces to provide a firm support for paint.
- Use a fungicide before the stabilising solution on a mould-affected surface.

Fungicide

- Kills mould on any affected surface.
- When spores are dead, brush them away and apply another coat.
- Always read the instructions before use.

Source: Reader's Digest DIY Manual, 2009, additional technical advice from Dulux

