

# Painting know how

## How to store paint

**So, you've finished painting but you still have some paint leftover. To keep your paint in good condition, simply follow these steps...**

- **Replace the lid firmly**

Tap or press down the lid all the way round the edge, to prevent air getting in and drying out the paint. Placing a layer of cling film over the top before replacing the lid can also help.

- **Store in a dry place**

This will help prevent metal tins from rusting and discolouring your paint.

- **Avoid extreme temperatures**

If the temperature drops below zero, ice crystals can form in your paint. When these thaw they cause the paint to separate making it unusable. Try to avoid storing your paint where the temperature is likely to fall below 0°C e.g. the shed or garage.

If this isn't possible try to insulate your paint, for example by wrapping the cans with

dustsheets or placing them in a box packed with scrunched up newspaper.

- **Donate your paint to Community RePaint**

If you don't have a suitable place to store your paint, donate it to your local Community RePaint scheme where it will be reused in your local community.

Do you want to reduce the amount of paint you have leftover next time? You can calculate the right amount of paint for your project here: [communityrepaint.org.uk/paint-calculation](https://communityrepaint.org.uk/paint-calculation)

