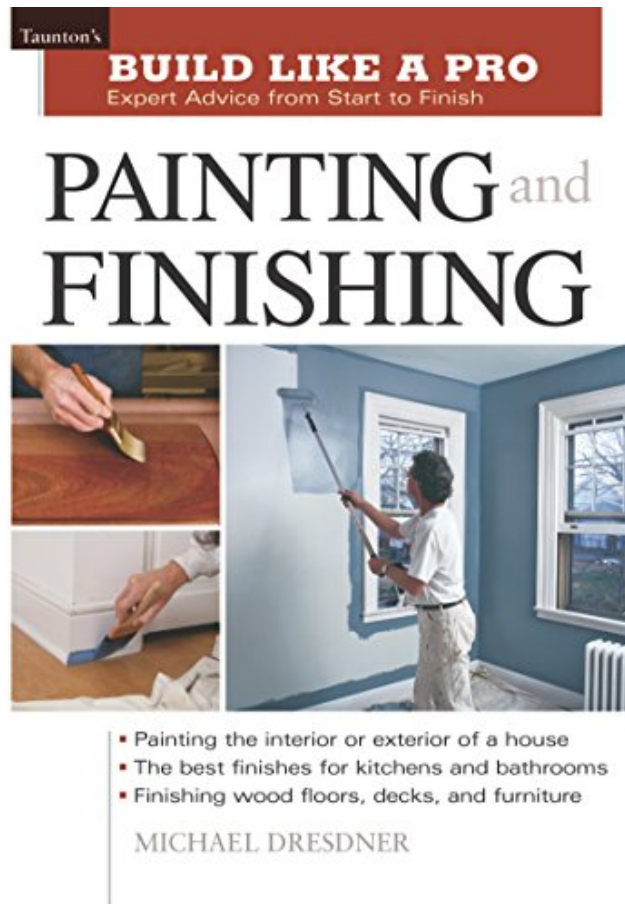


Painting and Finishing (Build Like A Pro)

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Michael Dresdner : Painting and Finishing (Build Like A Pro) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Painting and Finishing (Build Like A Pro):

58 of 58 people found the following review helpful. Don't Judge This Book By Its CoverBy PLTWhen you look at the cover of this book, what does the largest photo show? A man painting an interior wall of a room. And what is the book title? Painting and Finishing. And the first bulleted caption line on the cover is "Painting the interior or exterior of a house." The second bulleted caption line is "Choosing finishes for kitchens and bathrooms." So, does this book discuss strategies and techniques for efficiently painting a home's entire interiors, including walls and ceilings? No. Does it discuss the new paints for painting plastic laminates or stains and paints for concrete floors and counters? No. Does it discuss scaffolding if you are "blessed" with exceedingly high ceilings in large rooms or address when it makes sense to spray paint rather than roll walls and ceilings? No. This book is devoted exclusively to discussion of painting or finishing wood, that is, solid and composite woods or wood veneers used in moldings, cabinets, furniture, siding, decking, and decorative items.While a great deal of interior and exterior decor in better homes is composed of wood, this book is marketed as a general painting and finish book for the home, not as a book for one material in the home.

Nowhere on the front or back cover, is this book labeled as what it is: how to paint and stain new or old wood surfaces. And although I already know how to use a paint roller, I bought the book to help me plan how to paint two complete home interiors. Not just the trim and the cabinets. The professional advice I expected to find simply is not there because this book is being presented, in my opinion, as something it is not. If what you need is advice on painting wood, I think there are better, meaning more detailed and more creative, books available. For instance, "The Painted Kitchen", by Henny Donovan (Firefly Books, 2000) demonstrates a wide range of styles and techniques for painting kitchen cabinets and Annie Sloan's "Inspirations In Painted Furniture," (Collins and Brown, 1999) is both inspiring and an excellent technical reference for painted furniture. Michael Dresdner's book delivers a great deal of solid, basic, technical information, it is well written, and it is well illustrated, but it is also very limited in scope. He covers tools of the trade, oil-based versus water-based products, work area preparation, clean up, and safety thoroughly. He provides some nifty tips on preparing wood for finishing as well. Unless that's just what you need, however, I recommend you keep browsing.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great coverage of subject
By Tired of deception
I'm not a professional drywall installer but he covers tools, materials, techniques and special application very well. Easy to understand, good use of pictures. Fairly up to date, although he does have a newer edition out I have not seen yet (came out after I bought this one).
15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Does Not Cover Interior Walls even though it says it does!
By Sunny Skies
The Taunton Pro books are usually quite good, but this one is an exception. Even the bullet points on the front are misleading "Painting the interior and exterior of a house." When I think interior, I think walls, but evidently they mean every other surface EXCEPT walls! LOL. I also wondered if the author had a contract with BIN. I don't mind if you mention that you like BIN products the best, but to waste valuable photography space on showing a BIN display and cans of paint seems a bit of a waste to me. The section on floors had several diagrams with arrows going in various directions to show sanding patterns (page 74-75). There was not a clear explanation of which sanding pattern you should use and I came away from reading that section even more confused. The section on Kitchens and Bathrooms was also incomplete. It started out telling you how to prepare the old cabinet surface, how to choose the right primer, then "next to painting, the easiest way to change the look of kitchen cabinets is to recolor them" and goes into staining. It NEVER talks about painting the kitchen cabinets! (page 24-27). Even the "In Detail" callouts were incomplete! On page 27, there is a short paragraph on Mixing Glazes. It talks about clear, water based glaze base, then talks about getting a paint chip and having the store make up a quart. The mixing instructions are "When mixed with enough glaze base, one quart of paint makes 3-4 quarts of glaze." That's it! I found the instructions incomplete and not up to the regular Taunton level of quality in their books. Do not waste your money on this book.

Painting and finishing around the home can be daunting, both from the scale of the work and the bewildering array of finishing options available. But you can save yourself frustration, time, and money with the help of *Build Like a Pro: Painting and Finishing*. Written by a finishing professional, it's an authoritative and practical guide to accomplishing the major finishing tasks around the home. Dresdner covers both the interior and exterior of the house. Especially valuable is his advice on choosing finishes for special-needs projects like kitchens and bathrooms. You get information on floors, furniture and outside projects such as siding and trim. You'll also discover information on all aspects of preparation and assessment of a job, choosing materials and tools, and application techniques. Dresdner takes you through each step in the process -- from planning to cleanup -- with detailed step-by-step instructions and hundreds of clear photos and drawings. You'll learn the tricks and shortcuts the pros use to cut those big painting and finishing projects down to size. This comprehensive guide covers painting and finishing for: kitchens and bathrooms built-ins and paneling interior doors, molding and trim floors, stairs and balustrades furniture siding and clapboards exterior doors, windows and trim decks, porches and fences patio furniture and ornamentals

About the Author Michael Dresdner is a nationally known finishing expert with more than 20 years' experience in the field. The author of *The Woodfinishing Book* and *The New Woodfinishing Book*, he teaches and writes on the subject for *American Woodworker* and other woodworking magazines. He lives in Puyallup, Wash.