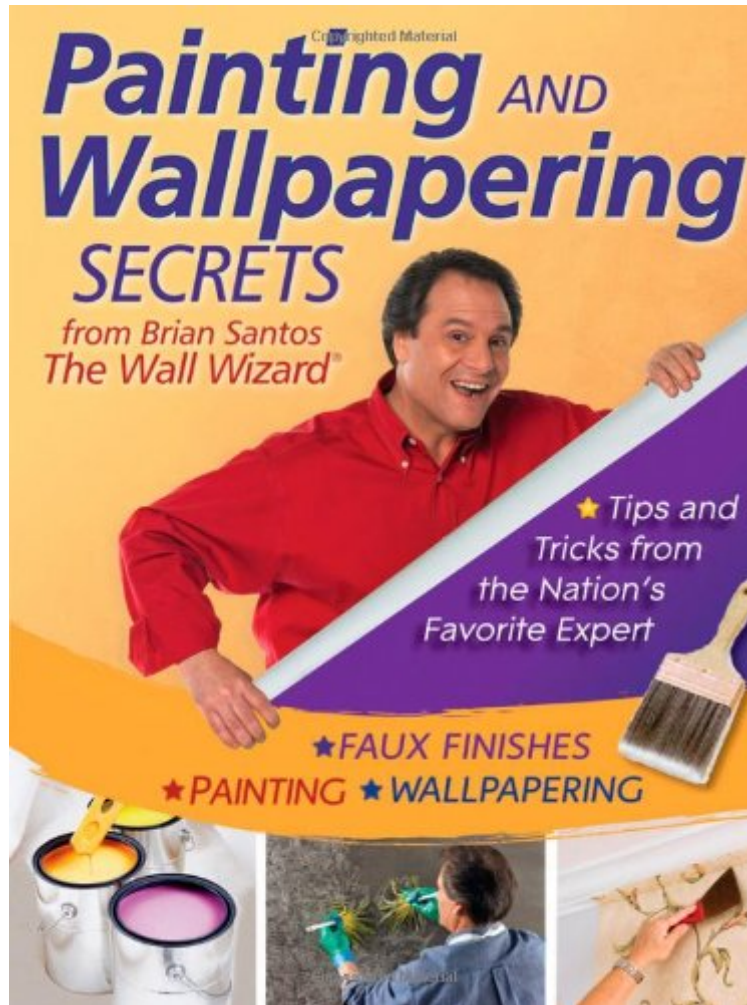


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I bought this book for two reasons By S. T. Peterson Believe it or not I bought this book for two reasons 1) what do you do about corners and 2) what is a wheat based adhesive. The book talks about much more and I sat for a few minutes and learned a lot. I didn't know you should measure out your pieces and mark them with a pencil to help you position your seams in inconspicuous places. But I did learn that you wrap outside corners and cut inside corners which is what I wanted to know. He said there were bascially two types of

adhesive but didn't mention "wheat-based". He did say which one to buy and use on paper that stained easily which is what I bought and why the supplier said to use a wheat based adhesive which was not easily found locally. I have done a few small wallpaper jobs before and there wasn't much to know. But I am using a very expensive wallpaper on this next job and wanted to make sure I did it right. This book helps if you have never done any wallpapering before because the other tips he gives I know to be accurate. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Resource By J. MacI had found this book at my local library a couple of paint projects ago and knew I needed to add it to my personal library. The best part of this book is Brian not only illustrates what TO DO. He explains what NOT TO DO and why. I've learned many tricks that help with my painting projects. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great beginning, but not a Bible! By D. EdwardsI am renovating my mother-in-law's home, which required all interiors be re-painted. I bought this e-book as a guide, having only previously painted a few rooms. Overall I would say this book is a great primer and beginning, but it is not a perfect guide. There is some great advice, then unnecessary advice, and some downright bad advice. As for the great advice: **** BUY QUALITY SUPPLIES.** I took this advice to heart and spent money where it counted: the best brushes, rollers tape and disposable drop cloths I could afford. I can tell you, this makes a big difference, having used cheaper supplies on previous projects. **** TAKE TIME TO PREP.** Honestly, I thought the prep would send me over the edge: I covered every square inch in the room that wasn't being painted, except for the ceilings. This is extremely time-consuming, but the results paid off: I didn't get even a drop of paint on any of my mother-in-law's priceless wood floors (made from recovered wood from a WWII hospital) and trim (original from the 1950s). **** CLEAN THE WALLS FIRST.** Again, another painful process that seemed unnecessary, but even with my mother-in-law being a neat freak, her walls were still filthy. **** THERE IS A CORRECT WAY TO PAINT / ROLL.** Okay, I watched a bunch of videos beforehand, and tried several techniques. At the end of the day, the Brian Santos way works the best for ease and coverage. Yet, some of the advice in this book is just overkill. It's too much. You don't need to do it. **** TURN OFF ALL ELECTRICITY AT BREAKER.** Yes, you are removing switch and light plates. Yes, there is a risk if you don't. But really, can you do a great paint job with NO LIGHTS? You have to see what you are doing. I left the electricity on and was extremely careful. It all worked out. **** THE "CREATIVE" STUFF.** There is some "tips" that require extra steps to create "stuff": paint can "stilts", homemade tool belt, et al. Skip it if you aren't "handy." You will find the extra work to create the "stuff" more time-consuming and frustrating than just being what you need at your home supply store. And, I hate to say it, there's just some BAD advice in here: **** LOAD YOUR PAINTBRUSH.** YES, load your paintbrush when you are painting the walls. But Brian made no distinction on when to load. Please take my advice and DON'T load your paintbrush when you are cutting in on the tape. I did this at first and I had an unmitigated DISASTER when I removed the tape. The paint bled on to the trim, and now I have to chisel all this paint off. Only load your brush when painting the wall; lightly load your brush when painting next to the tape. **** WET YOUR ROLLERS.** Completely unnecessary when you buy quality rollers. Quality rollers will drink up the water and ruin your first coat of paint or primer. I learned this the hard way. Overall I recommend the book, and would give it 5 stars, except that you will kill yourself trying to follow EVERY bit of advice, and trust me, there are just a few things you don't want to do. A great starting point, but don't treat it like a Bible, and it will help you accomplish a great paint job.

The best of The Wall Wizard Painting is an inexpensive yet impactful way to redecorate a home. But in a down economy, most homeowners can't afford to hire a pro to do the dirty work. This book represents the best of The Wall Wizard's previous books, Painting Secrets, Faux Finish Secrets, and Wallcovering Secrets. Readers will get helpful, economically mindful tips, advice, and guidance on how to use paint, faux finishes, and wallcoverings that accomplish high-quality, professional-looking results. Focuses on painting with smaller sections on faux finishes and wallcoverings (including both how to apply and remove them) Sidebars and tips address technical questions Covers green alternatives to toxic, hazardous, and environmentally harmful products With his personal, upbeat, first-person approach, bestselling author Brian Santos shows readers clearly and succinctly how to roll up their sleeves and accent any room of the house.

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