JULIAN MERCER

PAINTER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Professional Painter with 7+ years in residential repaint, new construction, and light commercial finishing. EPA lead-safe certified, with strong prep, cut-in, and spray skills and a record of clean, on-time jobs and low callbacks. Protects clients' property from the first drop cloth to the final walk-through.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Painter Apr 2022 - Present
Five Star Painting, San Mateo, CA

- Lead crews of two to four painters on interior and exterior repaints of homes from 1,800 to 4,500 square feet.
- Complete about 60 jobs a year, with a callback rate below 3% tracked through post-job client surveys.
- Perform lead-safe prep on pre-1978 homes, including containment, HEPA cleanup, and documented clearance wipes.
- Spray and back-roll cabinets, trim, and exteriors, using Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin Moore systems matched to each substrate.
- Estimate square footage and material quantities on site, keeping paint waste below 5% of purchased volume.
- Train new painters on masking, caulking, and sanding techniques during their first month.
- Maintain compressors, sprayers, and ladders with a weekly equipment check, which kept tool downtime to a minimum across the season.

Production Painter Jun 2019 - Mar 2022
Fresh Coat Painters, Redwood City, CA

- Painted interiors for occupied homes, finishing room-by-room so families could keep using the house during work.
- Repaired drywall cracks, nail pops, and water stains, and matched texture to existing walls in over 100 rooms.
- Applied exterior primer and two coats on stucco and wood siding, working from ladders and scaffolds up to two stories.
- Protected floors, landscaping, and furniture with full masking and plastic, and finished each job with a walk-through and touch-up list.
- Cut average interior repaint time by a half day by pre-taping and staging materials the day before.

Paint Store Associate Jun 2017 - May 2019
Sherwin-Williams, South San Francisco, CA

- Matched and mixed custom colors at the counter for contractors and homeowners, with accurate tints on nearly all orders.
- Delivered product to job sites and advised crews on primers, sheens, and coverage rates.
- Completed Sherwin-Williams product training on coatings for wood, metal, and masonry.

CORE SKILLS

Surface preparation | Interior and exterior painting | Spray application | Cut-in and trim work | Drywall patching and texture matching | Cabinet refinishing | Color matching | Lead-safe work practices | Ladder and scaffold safety | Material estimating | Caulking and masking | Wallcovering basics | Client communication

EDUCATION

Painting and Finishing Apprenticeship Certificate, Finishing Trades Institute of Northern California and Nevada, San Leandro, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

EPA Lead-Safe Certified Renovator (RRP) | OSHA 10-Hour Construction | Aerial Work Platform Operator Certification