



## RECOMMENDATIONS

## PAINTS, LACQUERS AND VANISHES



### Planning before the works

- Appropriate wood and construction may help you to significantly reduce the use of wood protection coatings.
- Only buy the quantities that you actually need. Most brands offer their products in various packaging sizes. This will prevent unnecessary waste as paints, lacquers and vanishes have a limited storage time. Some brands propose programs on their web site that help you determine the impact of colors in the rooms. You will also find valuable information as to the choice of the right brush for instance.

### Choosing the right products

- For your protection and health use only paints, lacquers and vanishes (wood coatings indoors) that are actually designed for this.
- Dans le domaine du bricolage, il existe pour presque toutes les applications des produits. For handcraft and leisure use, hazard free products are available for almost every purpose, made out of vegetable or mineral raw substances. Many paints used by children, i.e. finger paint, chalk, glass paint or plasticine are of short duration and can therefore be produced almost entirely out of natural material: mineral soil or plant extracts as coloring substances, cellulose glue as binding substance and water as solvent.
- Use wall paint with high covering power, which may avoid a second lawyer.
- When buying paints and lacquers for indoor use, check out for the indication „Shop Green“. These products are tested as to their components (heavy metal, “VOC” part, formaldehyde concentration). Furthermore Do-it-yourself-products have to provide a covering power of at least 7 m<sup>2</sup> per liter for outdoor and 5 m<sup>2</sup> per liter for indoor use and be available in different packaging sizes.



## After the work

- During and after the painting works and drying, keep rooms open and ventilated in order to eliminate possible hazardous substances.
- Paint remains will last longer if kept in well-closed containers turned upside down. This prevents thickening of the surface.

Ask for advice from your reseller. A list of shops participating in the „Shop Green“ program is available on [www.sdk.lu](http://www.sdk.lu) and [www.shop-green.lu](http://www.shop-green.lu).

