

# 5 Questions you should ask!

When you are considering having your kitchen painted then have these questions ready to ask your decorator.



## **How much will it cost?**

Make sure that you have a clear breakdown and a fixed quote, don't accept an estimate as this can change the overall price. What do they include in the price? Labour & materials plus any future visits needed to complete to your satisfaction? The overall price is subject to the size and complexity of the project, but we find that most projects have a typical range e.g. between €1200 to €3000 for a large intricate kitchen. Here at Bespoke Spraying Solutions have a very quick, efficient pricing system that we developed over the years and is very accurate down to the smallest drawer. All we need are either photos of the project area or plans that allow us to price through the system.

## **How long will it take?**

Will they take the doors away to paint or will they paint them on-site? If they take the doors away, ask if you will be without them for a long time, and will you need to clear out all your cupboards? If your decorator tells you it can be done in a couple of days, then beware. He will most likely be cutting corners on the preparation. He may also be using fast drying solvent paints that can be hazardous to you and your family. If your decorator is brushing the kitchen then expect it to take at least 2-3 weeks to create a nice finish and be durable. We can complete most kitchens within 5-7 days depending on the size and number of doors. Other projects have similar set timescales that we can advise on. We will keep disruption minimised, although there may be a couple of takeaway nights



## **Will it smell badly?**

“Maybe a little” the decorator might say! Ask for a tin to be opened so you can smell the paint. If it blows your head off and makes you dizzy, then BEWARE. When a decorator tells you that they can have your home functional in only a few days then they are using a highly toxic solvent-based paint. Ask if they are using hardeners within the paint to make the kitchen more durable. If yes, then again beware.

Is the paint a brand you know? If you see Dulux, Farrow & Ball, etc please be careful as they might look nice when finished but not look so great in 12 months. If the paint is rapid drying then it's a solvent based paint that will be harmful to you, your family, and pets. These paints should only be sprayed within a controlled spray booth environment and not on site. We can give you a detailed list of the best suppliers if you need them.

If the doors have been taken away remember they are still dangerous for a further 72 hours and they are releasing harmful gases into your home. Paint knowledge is important, so please do your research on what paints carry Isocyanides -very hazardous.

## **Can I still walk around my home?**

If you're having a nice charming brushed finish, then be prepared for parts of your home to be out of commission for at least a couple of weeks. If you are having it sprayed instead then the total time will be shortened, but still ask if it's possible to use parts of your home such as the kitchen, lounge or bedroom in the evenings. We're always clear and unwrap the main functional areas, so you don't have to live on takeaways for days on end. We have developed our systems over the years to focus on client satisfaction and less family disruption. We reduce our time within your home to a minimum and complete the spraying part down to only a few days. We unwrap and remove all the rubbish. Then we clean and wipe down everything leaving you with a very clean workable room.



## What colours can I have?

You should be offered a choice from a colour card of one of the main paint brands. We do this in case you or we need more paint in the future because of chips, spills, or other accidents once we left site. Additional to that we only use paint from manufacturers that can match any colour, this helps for those wishing to use a colour already in the home.

Every colour is sampled and agreed by yourself. The sample is signed and dated then left with you to ensure we have got the right match for your home. That swatch is recorded in our account with the paint manufacturer and is the exact mix at any future date. This guarantees there are no future colour issues.

## Why are you helping me?

Because that's what we do best! If we can't accommodate you for whatever reason, then we would at least like you to be better informed. We want to make sure that you are making the right choice when you come to choosing your decorator. We may not fit within your budget, but you now know why you might want to consider investing a little more for better paints, systems and knowledge. We might not be in your area, or we might not be able to fit around your schedule but you now know that when you choose your decorator needs to tick all the boxes for you to receive the right job for the long term. Sometimes waiting a bit longer is not such a bad idea. We hope these 5 questions have helped you think about your upcoming project in more detail. If it has raised more questions then we are more than happy to help answer any further concerns.



For over 20 years we have been going the extra mile to give homes like yours a new lease of life. You can see the passion and skill we have for spray painting in every home we renovate. We are committed to giving you great value for money and only the most pristine results.



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