

# FARROW & BALL®

CRAFTSMEN IN PAINT AND PAPER

## PRODUCT ADVICE SHEET

### STANDARD & ANGLED BRUSHES

Our superior quality Farrow & Ball paint brushes have been exclusively designed to work in harmony with our water based paints to achieve an unsurpassable finish.

#### Available Sizes:

Standard Brushes are available in 1" (25mm), 1.5" (38mm), 2" (50mm), 3" (75mm) and 4" (100mm). Angled Brushes are available in 1" (25mm), 1.5" (38mm), 2" (50mm). Available direct from Farrow & Ball (visit [www.farrow-ball.com](http://www.farrow-ball.com), email: [sales@farrow-ball.com](mailto:sales@farrow-ball.com) or call: +44 (0) 1202 876141), our Showrooms and selected stockists internationally.

#### Product Overview:

These superior quality Farrow & Ball paint brushes have been developed to work in harmony with Farrow & Ball paints. The birch handled paint brushes feature fine synthetic bristles to help reduce brush marks, ensure a constant smooth flow and maintain the shape of the brush during application and after use. As part of Farrow & Ball's continued commitment to the environment, all wood is FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) approved and ferrules are made from recycled steel.

#### Product Uses:

1" (25mm) Standard Brush - Use for Farrow & Ball Sample Pots, window frames and other detail work.  
1.5" (38mm) Standard Brush - Ideal for doors, frames and skirting boards.  
2" (50mm) Standard Brush - Perfect for radiators, doors and small walls.  
3" (75mm) Standard Brush & 4" (100mm) Standard Brush - Great for walls, ceilings and large areas.  
1" (25mm) Angled Brush - For cutting in window frames and other detail work.  
1.5" (38mm) Angled Brush - Ideal for cutting in doors, frames and trim work.  
2" (50mm) Angled Brush - Perfect for cutting in radiators, doors and trim work.

#### Preparation of Brush:

Before the first use, we recommend that the brush bristles are washed with clean, cold water and dried carefully using a soft, lint free cloth or paper towel.

#### Painting with Brush:

Painting walls and other large areas: Apply the paint in a vertical direction then spread the paint out evenly in a horizontal direction. On application of the final

coat lay off the paint in a single direction to ensure that any brush marks and brush patterning effects (sometimes visible in certain lighting conditions) are minimised.

Painting trim: By 'trim' we mean: skirting boards, picture rails, dado rails, doors, door frames and architraves, window sills and window frames (providing they aren't plastic).

Farrow & Ball paints are water borne, and unlike solvent borne paints, water borne paint is more resistant to sagging and you will achieve the best finish by painting a thicker coat.

Load the brush well and apply a generous first coat. Brushing first in a vertical direction then in a horizontal direction until an even coating has been applied.

Finish by 'laying off' the paint in one direction using light pressure, with the brush held at an angle of approximately 30°. Do not "overwork" the paint or attempt to brush it out in thin even coats as you would a traditional solvent borne paint as this may create excess brush marks. Allow to dry completely (for a minimum of 4 hours) before applying a second coat following the same technique as before.

#### Clean Up:

Clean brushes with warm soapy water. Do not use hot water as this may cause the paint to form agglomerates (small lumps) in the bristles. Do not use solvent based brush cleaners as this may damage the synthetic bristles.

#### Drying:

Shake excess water off the bristles using a sharp flicking action. Wrap the bristles tightly in a paper towel and allow to dry naturally.

#### Storage:

When thoroughly dry, the brush may be returned to the cardboard sleeve to protect it during storage. If you are intending to use the brush to apply a second coat of the same finish and colour after a minimum of 4 hours (but not longer than 24 hours), you can simply wrap the bristles tightly in a plastic bag or air-tight cling film between use to retain moisture to save cleaning.

**Considerations:**

We do not recommend Farrow & Ball brushes for use with solvent based paints.

Do not paint in temperatures below 10°C or in excessive heat above 30°C.

Avoid painting in direct sunlight.

Avoid applying outdoors if there is a likelihood of rain.

For best results apply early in the day, allowing the product time to dry before the evening (when condensation can occur).

**Contact Us:** For advice on colours, paint finishes or wallpaper our customer services team is on hand to help you, just call +44 (0) 1202 876141, email [sales@farrow-ball.com](mailto:sales@farrow-ball.com), or write to us at Farrow & Ball, Uddens Estate, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7NL, UK. Please note that calls may be recorded for training purposes.

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