Determining Paint Needs
Buy Only What Your Need!

A. First determine total wall surface.

width of all walls added together		height of the wall		A. total wall surface
_____ ft	**X**	_____ ft	**=**	_____ sq ft

B. Next, determine the total window and door surface.

height of window		width of window		# of windows		1. total window surface
_____ ft	**X**	_____ ft	**X**	_____	**=**	_____ sq ft
height of door		width of door		# of doors		2. total door surface
_____ ft	**X**	_____ ft	**X**	_____	**=**	_____ sq ft
Total window + door surface (1 + 2)					**=**	B. _____ sq ft

C. Find the total area to be painted by subtracting Figure B from Figure A.

A _____ sq ft **!** B _____ sq ft = C _____ sq ft

Bring the total area to be painted (Figure C) to the paint store.

To know how many gallons of paint you need to buy, divide the total surface to be painted (Figure C) by the "spread rate" written on the can (the spread rate is usually 400).