

How to Paint Clouds on a Ceiling

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A ceiling painted with clouds.

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Painting clouds on a ceiling is a wonderful way to enhance the room. Oftentimes the ceiling has been ignored in decorations, but using simple faux-painting techniques, you can add beauty and whimsy both the young and the young at heart will enjoy.

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Instructions

Difficulty: Moderately Easy

Things You'll Need:

- Laser level to mark the demarcation lines
- Painter's tape
- Paint trays
- Paint roller
- Blue paint (for the sky)
- White paint (for clouds)
- Paint brush
- Sea sponge
- Imagination and inspiration
- Photographs of clouds
- Ladder to reach the ceiling

Step 1:

Prepare the ceilings. Clean cobwebs and dust. Using the laser level, highlight the demarcation areas of where the painter's tape will be placed. Put blue painter's tape to mark the areas where the paint will end. A good height would be at least a foot from where the ceiling and wall meet.

Step 2:

Pour flat blue paint on the paint tray. Using a roller, paint the ceilings. Paint also up to where the blue tape was placed. Apply 2 coats for a more even finish. Let dry for 2 hours.

Step 3:

On another paint tray pour your white flat paint. Make clouds by using a paint brush and sponge. For inspiration, go outside and look at the clouds in the sky. You can also examine photos of clouds to help you paint the different cloud formations. You do not have to do it too perfectly, clouds by nature have different forms, sizes, and shapes.

Step 4:



Cirrus clouds.

Cirrus clouds are made by using paint brush by creating thin, wispy strands, accompanied by tufts. Paint using dry brush technique by removing excess paint with a paper towel then make random brush strokes.

Step 5:



Cirrocumulus clouds.

Make a cirrocumulus cloud using sponge and paintbrush by creating white patch or tuft. Create them in patches or sheets along with other cirrocumulus.

Step 6:



Stratocumulus cloud.

To paint a stratocumulus cloud use a sea sponge to create large dark, rounded masses. Add waves and lines using paint brush with soft bristles. Create this type of cloud in groups.

Step 7:

If you have a light fixture in the middle, make it a focal point. If it is a round [ceiling light fixture](#), it would act as your sun or moon. Paint the waves that twirl around it with varying length and thickness. Cirrus clouds would be good next to the light fixture.

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Step 8:

Do not paint too many clouds. You would want as much of the blue sky to show to better appreciate the design. Once done, let dry then remove the painter's tape.

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Tips & Warnings

-  Use pencil to draw some shapes and outline your clouds if you are not too comfortable about painting them without a guide.
-  Don't be afraid of making mistakes, paint can easily be corrected by painting over it over and over again if you have to.