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Traditional Decorator

At Traditional Decorator we are often looking to grow our team of likeminded professionals. All of our team work as self-employed contractors and are responsible for their own tax and national insurance payments.

We prefer our applicants to be experienced and able to work using their own initiative but we will consider applicants of all skill levels. .

Successful candidates will have a background in painting and decorating. The ability to safely operate equipment including power and hand tools and to be comfortable working at heights, your own tools and whites are essential.

Painters and decorators use a range of coverings to enhance and protect surfaces. These surfaces could include plaster, metal and wood. If you like practical work and enjoy being artistic, this could be a perfect career for you.

To be a painter and decorator, you should have good practical and creative skills. You will need to be able to work carefully and pay attention to detail. Sometimes you'll need a good head for heights.

The work

As a painter and decorator, you would work on a variety of domestic and commercial projects ranging from re-decorating homes to offices and shops.

On a domestic job, you would use paint, varnishes and wallpaper to decorate rooms. You would follow the householder's instructions about choice of colour, finishing texture and wallpaper patterns. Your main tasks would include:

- measuring surface areas to work out how much paint or wall covering you need
- stripping off old wallpaper or paint
- filling holes and cracks and making sure surfaces are level
- preparing surfaces with primer and undercoat
- mixing paint to the right shade, either by hand or using computerised colour-matching equipment
- applying layers of paint and hanging wallpaper
- tidying up after finishing a job.

Paints and solvents give off fumes, so you may have to wear a protective mask or use fume extraction equipment on some jobs, if in enclosed spaces.

The hours

You would work around 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday. Extra hours may be necessary to meet deadlines.

You would be expected to travel from site to site and some jobs may require overnight stays away from home.

Source: [National careers service. Direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

Payment Process

Upon completion of the agreed work to the customers satisfaction you simply invoice us providing your bank details and we will either pay you by electronically transferring money into the bank account you have specified or we can provide you with a business cheque.

On some larger jobs we may be able to make stage payments by the same process; this would need to be agreed in advance.