



PAINTING A BORDER INSTRUCTIONS

You may decide to paint a border (or other accents) on your project for a few reasons.

COVER OLD PAINT

In the Staining Concrete Training Video #9, the homeowners discovered old paint on the edges of the concrete floor. Often paint is present on concrete because the homebuilder painted the walls before the flooring was installed. Usually, the painters do not mask off the concrete before spraying the paint.

The homeowners could have scraped it off and/or used a natural stripping product, but they felt this process would be too time-consuming, costly and messy. Because the paint was not peeling, the homeowners decided to leave the paint, stain over it, and paint a border before sealing.

MAKE IT POP

Another reason some people paint borders is simply because they like the way it looks. Others want to separate one area of the project from another. Whatever your reason, here are the application details. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or want to “talk it out.”

1. **COLORS** - Apply uDoItCoatings’ **Accent Paint**, which is available in 7 standard colors (16 oz./pint size): Sand, Canyon, Cocoa, Gray, Brick, Espresso, and Black. One pint covers approx. 100 linear ft. (4” border, accounts for 2 coats.) We strongly suggest initially ordering a Sample Size to make sure you like the color and see how it looks with the stain color(s) you have selected.
2. Make sure the concrete you will paint has a layer of Stain on it, since the Stain will act as a primer. Do not apply this paint directly to bare concrete, since it could flake off.
3. To achieve a straight Border, it is best to carefully measure out from the wall, draw the line with a pencil, and paint in the **Accent Paint** border free-hand. Here’s why: tape can pull off uncured Stain (and waiting for Stain to fully cure could mean Sealer not bonding.)
 - Some tapes claim to work well for this type of application. Feel free to experiment but use extreme caution and test an area before using.
 - Be aware that not all walls or concrete slabs are square, so “cheat” lines for a better, straighter appearance, if necessary.
4. Feel free to use **Accent Paint** to create your own custom designs. Some homeowners have painted curvy or flowery borders instead of perfectly straight lines. Paint in these Accents free-hand or use stencils. Just be warned that using tapes or adhesives of any kind can pull off stain, especially since you will be adding these decorative features before the stain is fully cured.

5. Apply **Accent Paint** with a small brush and/or roller, available at uDoltCoatings.com, under the PRODUCTS tab and EXTRAS submenu.
6. As soon as the paint is dry, apply a second coat.
7. **WARNING** – Do not take too long to apply a border. The **Clear Poly Glaze** needs to be applied **within 48 hours** (from last full coat of Stain), or there will be adhesion issues. **Clear Acrylic Sealer** is more forgiving.
8. When Stain (and optional borders/designs) are complete and dry, proceed to *Step #4 – Sealing*.