

# Tint saves painting rework

A couple of years ago, DAP came up with a spackle that went on pink and turned white when it was paintable. I used it when I was repairing all the gouges in the walls of an old house. It worked beautifully. Now Ace, which produces its own paint brand in the Midwest, has come up with Simply Magic ceiling paint, which has a blue additive that allows you to see where you've painted, but dries white in four hours. "It's the same technology as the blue dye they squirted at you as a kid, the kind that would disappear from your clothes after awhile," said Ace spokesman Jim Grillo. The theory, of course, is that painting a white ceiling flat white is a strain on the eyes, and you end up painting the same spot or missing the place you wanted to paint. Grillo said having the temporary blue tint can cut the time on a ceiling-painting job in half. Price: \$17.99 a gallon. Available only at Ace Hardware stores. — ALAN J. HEAVENS, KNIGHT RIDDER