Small-Porch Weekend Glow-Up

Your complete shopping list and step-by-step weekend painting guide.

Grab exactly what you need for a thrift-budget porch makeover. Follow this sequence to transform your entryway in a single weekend.



Key Project Measurements

1 Quart
Exterior teal mistint (door & risers)

1 Gallon
Pale haint-blue paint for ceiling

⅓ of door height
Tall planters flanking the entrance

18 x 30 in
Durable coir threshold welcome mat

24 x 36 in
Synthetic striped base rug

Upside-Down Pot Filler

Place an upside-down nursery pot in the bottom half of tall planters, topped with heavy river rocks, to save potting mix and prevent tipping in strong winds.

Weekend Order of Work

1. **Wash early Saturday** Scrub surfaces with a TSP substitute early Saturday morning to remove oily handprints and grime.
2. **Prime the wood** Apply tinted gray bonding primer. Washed wood ideally dries 24 hours before priming to prevent peeling.
3. **Paint by late Saturday** Roll the haint-blue ceiling, then apply two coats of teal to the door and risers.
4. **Update the hardware** Spray paint old brass handles with exterior matte black enamel to modernize the entryway.
5. **Style on Sunday** Assemble the tall planters and layer the synthetic striped rug and coir mat on Sunday.

Weekend Porch Shopping List

- [ ] 1 qt exterior semi-gloss teal paint ($9 mistint)
- [ ] 1 gal pale haint-blue ceiling paint
- [ ] Tinted gray bonding primer and TSP substitute degreaser
- [ ] Exterior matte black enamel spray paint for hardware
- [ ] 18x30-inch coir mat and 24x36-inch synthetic striped rug
- [ ] Tall planters, upside-down nursery pots, and river rocks
- [ ] Potting mix, upright coral geraniums, and trailing ivy
- [ ] Faux eucalyptus wreath and geometric black outdoor lanterns

Check Before You Buy

- Measure your door height to calculate the exact one-third planter ratio.
- Verify outdoor rugs have synthetic polypropylene fibers, not natural cotton.
- Check mistint paint for exterior-grade UV and peeling resistance.
- Confirm the discounted paint sheen is exterior semi-gloss or satin.

Paint Quantities and Coverage

Find your row: **Surface to paint**

Surface to paint	Your pick	Why
Standard front door	1 Quart (2 coats)	Covers 21 sq ft
Two stair risers	Leftover door quart	Covers 5 sq ft
Porch ceiling	1 Gallon (1 coat)	Covers 30 sq ft

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your bright, welcoming new entryway and a beautifully refreshed front porch!