The Pro Taping Sequence Guide

Map, seal, and paint a flawless two-tone division with zero bleed.

Getting that impossibly crisp line doesn't require magic, just the right method. Follow this sequence to create a grounded, architectural color block in any room.



Key Specifications

36 inches
Align to standard window sill

Satin finish
Best for scuff-prone lower walls

400 sq ft
Coverage per standard paint gallon

2 quarts
Typical requirement for lower wainscoting

45 minutes
Minimum dry time for sealing coat

2 weeks
Cure time before moving heavy furniture

Base Color Seals Tape

Lock the tape edge down permanently by painting directly over it with your existing base color. This fills microscopic gaps and creates an invisible, bleed-proof barrier.

The Taping & Painting Sequence

1. **Map and Apply Tape** Project a level line across the room, apply tape, and press firmly with a putty knife.
2. **Seal the Edge** Brush a light coat of the base wall color over the tape seam and let dry.
3. **Roll Contrasting Topcoat** Apply two even coats of the new color using light pressure parallel to the tape seam.
4. **Peel Tape While Wet** Fold it tightly back against itself at an angle immediately after the second coat.

Choose Your Roller Nap

Find your row: **Your wall texture**

Your wall texture	Your pick	Why
Ultra-smooth drywall	1/4 inch nap	Prevents buildup in high-gloss finishes
Standard smooth	3/8 inch micro roller	Perfect for satin two-tone walls
Light orange peel	1/2 inch nap	Holds enough for matte upper walls
Heavy knockdown	3/4 inch nap	Reaches into deep texture valleys

Pre-Painting Room Checks

- [ ] Measure square footage of each color zone separately to avoid overbuying.
- [ ] Inspect drywall texture closely to determine if edge-lock tape is needed.
- [ ] Unscrew all outlet covers and window hardware intersecting the transition line.
- [ ] Wipe the transition zone with a damp cloth and dry one hour.
- [ ] Check if base color is recent; use delicate surface tape if so.

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully anchored space and that satisfying, perfectly crisp paint line!