

## **Glossary**

**PAINT** - colored non-transparent protective coating.

**VARNISH** - transparent or semi-transparent protective coating. A varnish is made of binder, solvent and additives. Some varnishes contain small amounts of pigment.

**ENAMEL** - hard protective coating with glossy finish.

**PRIMER** - the first coating applied to the surface in order to enhance the adhesion of the final paint (topcoat) and to seal the substrate surface. Primer may be formulated to impart additional protection to the substrate (eg. anti-rust primer for steel substrates).

**DISTEMPER** - Distemper is a water based paint which is a combination of components like powdered chalk, lime and size. Distempers prove to be ideal for temporary and interior paint jobs.