HOW TO
paint a metal fence

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READY. SET. GO!

With White Knight paints, DIY projects are made easier, less time consuming, more cost effective and fun. Here are some quick and simple steps to help you restore, protect and decorate metal surfaces.

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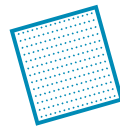WEEKEND

You'll need

Primer and Paint	Rust Converter	Safety glasses, mask and gloves	Medium grit sandpaper	Wire brush	2x 38mm paint brush
Mini microfibre roller with frame and tray	Paint pot	Clean rags	Stirrers	Painters masking tape and drop sheets	Plastic or glass container

steps

01. Firstly, protect everything around where you are going to paint with drop sheets and mask off any tricky areas with painters tape and newspaper.

02. Good prep is vital to a successful job. Make sure the surface is thoroughly clean and dry so that the paint will stick properly. Before you paint, make sure you remove any loose rust or flaking paint with a wire brush. If there is a lot of dust, wear a mask.

03. Then give the area a good sand to remove the rust, starting off on the flatter surfaces. You can use a medium grit sandpaper.

04. When you are done, use a dusting brush or a damp rag to remove all the fine dust so that the surface is clean.

05. Next, treat the rust with Rust Guard Rust Converter, to give it a good solid base for the primer. Pour the Rust Converter into a plastic or glass container. Apply an undiluted coat with a brush to any rusty
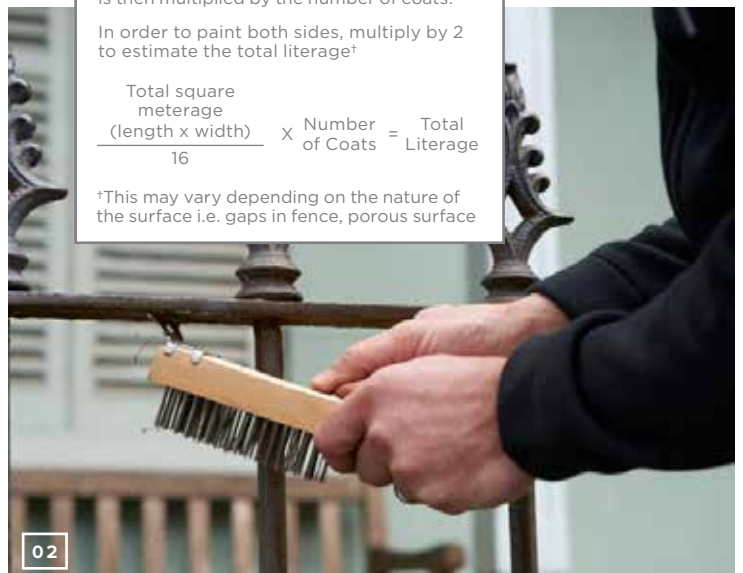
Calculation

To get the total square meterage, multiply length by width of the area. Then divide this by 16 (as 1L covers about 16m²). This number is then multiplied by the number of coats.

In order to paint both sides, multiply by 2 to estimate the total literage[†]

$$\frac{\text{Total square meterage (length x width)}}{16} \times \text{Number of Coats} = \text{Total Literage}$$

[†]This may vary depending on the nature of the surface i.e. gaps in fence, porous surface
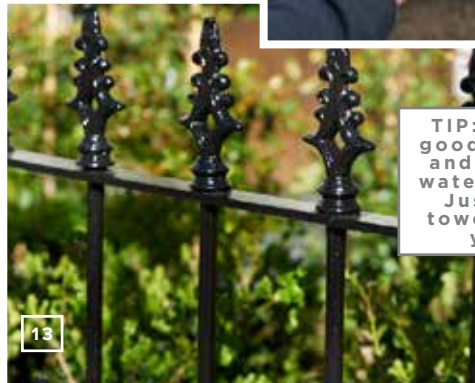
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areas. Leave it for 2 hours before recoating to allow the reaction to take place.

> **TIP: Wipe off any excess drips or runs straight away with a clean, damp cloth as you go and wash the brush immediately in fresh water.**

06. After 2 hours you are ready for your primer which helps your topcoat stick and cover better.

07. Next step is to use Rust Guard Quick Dry True
Bite Primer, which has anti-corrosive properties providing more protection against rust. If your steel or wrought iron fence is new or only lightly rusted you don't need to prime and can apply a topcoat of Rust Guard Quick Dry Advance Enamel directly to the metal.

08. Give the primer a good stir then pour into a roller tray, half filling it. Because you'll need to overcoat the primer with a water based topcoat, you'll need to apply 2 coats of primer. Apply the first coat
with a mini roller and use a brush for any hard to reach areas.

09. In about an hour, when the primer is dry, apply a second coat in the same way and allow that to dry for 2 hours.

10. After 2 hours you're ready to apply the topcoat. Rust Guard Quick Dry Advance Enamel not only provides outstanding rust protection but dries within 2 hours, saving you more time. Rust Guard topcoats can be tinted to 1000's of colours in either a satin or gloss finish. Head to our website to find your perfect match.

11. Give the paint a good stir and then half fill your roller tray. Apply your first coat of Rust Guard Quick Dry Advanced Enamel topcoat using a mini roller and a brush for any hard to reach areas. You'll get better results if you lightly sand any rough bits between coats using 120 grit sand paper.

12. The first coat will be touch dry in 30 mins and ready for a re-coat in 2 hours. Apply your second coat in the same way as the first.

13. Just like that, Rust Guard has transformed your old rusted fence and it looks brand new and helps to increase the value of your home.

> **TIP: Never paint straight from the tin. You will get paint around the rim which will mean the tin can't seal properly and will ruin the paint for later use.**

> **TIP: Between coats, it is a good idea to put your brush and roller into a bucket of water so they don't dry out. Just dry them off with a towel or newspaper before you use them again.**

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White Knight Rust Guard® Rust Converter

White Knight Rust Guard® Quick Dry True Bite Primer

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