**10 Questions to ask a painter before hiring them**

**1. What is their preferred brand?**

**2. Are they open to using a different brand of comparable quality?**

**3. What QUALITY of paint is their quote based on?**

**4. What kind of discount do they get on the 'chosen' brand of paint?**

**5. What type of prep work will they be doing?**

**6. How many coats of paint do they apply and does that include one coat of primer?**

**7. How are they going to protect your existing finishes (ie: drop cloths/plastic sheeting/etc...) and what is the clean-up procedure at the end of the day?**

**8. Are they properly insured?**

**9. When will they start and finish?**

**10. What is their payment schedule?**