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THE WORK YOU DON'T SEE: WHAT SETS KB PAINTING APART



By Ellyn Wexler

By the time a freshly painted room comes into view, with clean lines, smooth walls and a flawless finish, the hardest work is already done.

For KB Painting in Lawrence, that unseen effort is where quality begins.

“People think painting starts with opening a can,” says co-owner Victoria Perdue. “In reality, most of the job happens before that.”

Behind every finished project is a process built on preparation, problem-solving and attention to detail. These are steps that homeowners may never fully see but always benefit from. Since taking ownership in 2019, Andrea and AJ Babin, along with Victoria and Randy Perdue, have focused on delivering consistent, high-quality work rooted in that approach. Their combined backgrounds in construction, project management and customer service shape how each job is planned and executed.

Where the Real Work Happens

Before a single brushstroke, surfaces are carefully evaluated. Walls are cleaned, repaired and sanded. Nail holes and cracks are patched, and trim is taped with precision. In some cases, older

layers of paint must be smoothed to create a stable surface. “Prep is everything,” Perdue says. “If you skip steps or rush it, you’ll see it later.”

That attention to detail determines how well the finish will hold up over time. A wall that looks smooth from across the room can reveal imperfections under fresh paint if it has not been properly prepared. Proper prep also ensures paint adheres correctly, preventing premature peeling or uneven wear.

“A lot of what we do isn’t the part people take pictures of,” Perdue says. “But it’s the reason the finished project looks the way it does.”

Expect the Unexpected

No two homes are exactly alike, and part of the team’s expertise lies in adapting as projects unfold. Even with a thorough estimate, underlying issues often reveal themselves once work begins.

The crew regularly encounters drywall damage, water stains, peeling paint or surfaces that were not properly finished in previous projects. Addressing those problems early helps ensure the final result lasts and reduces the likelihood of future repairs.

“Every house has a story,” Perdue says. “You don’t always see it

until you start working.”

In one recent project, KB Painting was called in after another contractor left a job incomplete. The team corrected problem areas, re-prepped surfaces and brought the work back on track, ultimately building a lasting relationship with the homeowners.

“We’re there to solve problems, not just complete a task,” Perdue says.

A Balance of Efficiency and Care

Painting may appear straightforward, but executing it well requires coordination and discipline. Each step builds on the one before it, and timing matters.

The KB Painting team works to stay on schedule without sacrificing quality. They maintain clear communication and adjust as needed based on conditions inside and outside the home.

“We want to respect people’s time and their homes,” Perdue says.

Clients often notice the professionalism of the crew as much as the finished product. Workspaces are kept clean, disruptions are minimized and homeowners are kept informed throughout the process.

“It’s not just about the end result,” she says. “It’s about how you get there.”

More Than Just a Color Choice

For many homeowners, the most visible decision is color, but choosing the right shade is only part of the process.

KB Painting offers guidance that considers lighting, room size and how a space is used. The team provides color consultations, shares examples of past work and helps clients narrow options that align with both style and function.

“People can feel overwhelmed by options,” Perdue says. “We try to simplify that.”

Current trends lean toward warm neutrals and natural tones, but Perdue encourages homeowners to think beyond what is popular.

“We want it to feel right for the space and still work years from now,” she says. “Trends change, but a well-chosen color should feel timeless in your home.”

Built for Results That Last

A well-executed paint job should hold up through daily wear and changing conditions. That longevity comes down to preparation, materials and technique.

“We’re thinking about how it’s going to hold up,” Perdue says. “Not just how it looks when we leave.”

Using high-quality products and proven systems, the team

focuses on creating finishes that maintain their appearance over time. Clients often note both the durability of the work and the overall experience, including clear expectations, reliable scheduling and a clean, orderly space at the end of the job.

Painting with a Broader Perspective

As part of the Complete Home Professionals network, that includes real estate and property management services, KB Painting understands how painting fits into larger home goals.

A fresh coat of paint is often one of the most effective ways to enhance a home’s appearance and value. Strategic updates, such as refreshing high-traffic areas, updating cabinetry or modernizing outdated colors, can make a noticeable impact without a full renovation.

“It’s often the simplest changes that make the biggest difference,” Perdue says.

That broader perspective allows the team to guide clients toward improvements that are both visually appealing and practical, whether they are preparing to sell or planning to stay long term.

Rooted in Lawrence

KB Painting serves homeowners across Lawrence

and surrounding communities, building relationships through repeat clients and referrals.

“We’ve been fortunate to have strong support from the community,” Perdue says. “A lot of our work comes from people who have worked with us before.”

That connection reinforces the company’s commitment to quality. Each project is not just a job, but part of an ongoing relationship built on trust and consistency.

The Final Coat

For KB Painting, the finished product is only part of the story. What defines their work is everything that happens beforehand, including preparation, problem-solving and attention to detail that ensures lasting results.

Because in the end, a great paint job is not just about color. It is about the work you don’t see and the care that goes into getting it right.

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1st place: Painting Service
2nd place: Home Contractor
3rd place: Interior Designer



2024:
1st Place: Painting Service
3rd Place: Home Contractor
4th Place: Interior Designer



2023:
1st Place: Painting Service



2022:
1st Place: Painting Service
3rd Place: Interior Designer

2021:
1st Place:
Painting Service

2020:
1st Place:
Painting Service

3rd Place: Interior
Designer

2019:
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2018:
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