Prep Work Painting Checklist

2 - 4 Days Prior To Painting Start Date

Do I have all the interior paint or exterior paint I need for my painting project?
Do I have all the primer I need for my painting project?
Have I bought all my paint brushes, rollers, paint trays, etc.?
Have I taken everything down off the walls (artwork, photographs, etc.)?
Do I still need to move bulky or extraneous furniture out of the space?
Any furniture that can't be moved, have I moved it to the middle of the room?
Did I cover my remaining furniture and floor (and anything else that needs paint protection) with drop cloths or plastic sheeting?
Do I have painter's tape on hand, if so — have I taped off where I need to (trims, baseboards, etc.)?
Have I removed any electrical outlet covers and light switch plates from the walls?
Have I filled in any holes or knicks with drywall patch?
Do I still need to sand down any of the drywall patch to a smooth surface?
Have I given my walls a good scrub with light soap and warm water?