

## **Painting Zinc Borders**

Our studio practice is paint the zinc whenever it will be exposed. Patina on zinc always looks poor. Paint always looks great and takes on a few minutes to apply. Black is the most common, but we've had great results with other colours. We paint by hand and do it last after everything else is complete. Do NOT use model car paint. It wears off too easily. Buy a paint is made specially for metal and doesn't require any primer. Rustoleum or Tremclad or two I've had success with.

Painting is especially advantageous when installing a window panel. Our preferred method is to fabricate it so there's a 1/4" opening on top and bottom to allow air flow between the stained glass panel and exterior window. This is installed with wood moulding on both sides. We paint the zinc border of the stained glass panel to match the wood moulding.