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regarding your question on how I finally accomplished the painting of my Bird Dog's bilge (under floor area). It's a big job to get access and paint the bilge. What I did was to clean it really well, use a steam cleaner or some hot water under pressure and try to get in all the corners. After that, let it dry out thoroughly.

I tried to spray paint with a small airbrush that I could get under the floor, but that took forever and I still had over spray. I ended up with a paint brush that I cut the handle down very short and that gave me some room to move my hand under the floor. What you want to do is take a small can and cut it down so it's only about an inch high and put your paint in it.

Then being very careful, place the can under the floor in an area or side that you will not paint. This way your paint is a lot handier than having to bring the paintbrush out each time. The first time I tried to paint too much and got paint all over.

Plan out an area that you can fit your hand into and paint it, then let it dry. Go on to another area and paint it let it dry and so on.... When these areas are dry, do the opposite side; also get what you missed on the first try. It took me a while to master the art of "bilge painting".

Also, get your self a breathing outfit like the "Hobby Air" because the fumes will get to you.

Further you'll need a flashlight or two stuck in another floor inspection hole to give you light. You might want to wear rubber gloves, and a long sleeve old shirt. I hope this helps with your project.