1. Concerning Dropcloths.
The drips will drop where the dropcloth ain’t.

2. Concerning the Cleaning of Window Glass.
The smudge you see is always on the other side.
Corollary: The smudge you don’t see is on the side you are working on. But you won’t see it until you turn the glass around to clean the other side.

3. Concerning Sun Glare.
No matter what side of the building you are on, if the sun is shining and you are working on a window, it will be in your eyes.

No matter how many horizontal surfaces you have, you will never find a clear space on which to set something down in the middle of a project.

5. Concerning Tool Retrieval.
If you go down to the basement to retrieve a tube of caulk from your workbench, you will come back with sandpaper, blue tape, a roller cover…but not the tube of caulk

Nothing will ensure your need for some material or tool more than having thought you were done with it and having then put it away.
7. Concerning Project Entropy.
A project that has gone bad will want to keep going in the same direction, from bad to worse.

8. Concerning Small Projects.
The smaller the project, the more it will exceed the time you thought it would take.

They will fall further away from you than you ever could have ever imagined they could fall.

10. Concerning the End of the Project.
The closer you get to it, the further it will recede from you.

The Moral Concerning Murphy's Laws
Despite your best intentions, little things will go wrong. Maintaining a sense of humor, however dry it is, helps to lighten the load.

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