

This classic-element of style is a simple and cost-effective way to add drama, dimension and personality to any room. With ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape and your favorite color palette, you can transform an ordinary space into an extraordinary experience for you, your family and your friends.



Tools

- ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape Advanced Delicate Surface with Edge-Lock™ Protector
- Paints, brush, roller & tray
- T-square
- Tape measure
- Pencil & level
- Cardboard / tackboard

Preparation

- Remove any wall hangings (pictures, nails, fixtures)
- Fill nail holes, then use sandpaper to smooth the wall
- Make sure wall is clean, dust-free and completely dry

Step by Step Guide

Step 1: Mask Trim



Mask along trim, baseboards and non-textured ceilings with ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape Advanced Delicate Surface.

Step 2: Paint Basecoat



Paint the basecoat (the lighter color) over the entire wall and let it dry for 24 hours.

Step 3: Create Template



Use cardboard to create a diamond-shaped template for your pattern.

Step 4: Start Pattern



Measure and mark the center of your wall. Align the tip of your template with the center spot you just marked, then lightly trace an outline of the template.

Step 5: Extend Pattern



Continue the pattern and finish two complete rows, using a T-square to check your angles. Use a straight edge to extend the lines and finish tracing pattern over the entire wall.

Step 6: Mask Diamonds



Tape the outside edge of every other diamond. Press down to seal all edges of the tape.

Step 7: Paint Dark Color



Paint every other diamond with the darker color. For each diamond, start at the tape edge and move toward the center. Let paint dry for at least 24 hours.

Step 8: Remove Tape



Remove tape at a 45° angle. If adhesive begins to transfer, use a 90° angle. If paint starts to lift, use a sharp tool to cut along the painted tape edge.



The Right Tape for the Job

Good masking is the key to clean, professional paint lines. ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tapes are specially designed for optimum performance when used correctly. For an extra edge, look for tapes with Edge-Lock™ Paint Line Protector. This advanced technology helps keep paint out and produces super sharp lines for brilliant looks and unlimited ways to transform your space.

ScotchBlue™ Tape Selector

Select the area & surface type to find the right tape for the job.

None of the ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tapes are recommended for use on lacquered surfaces.

	Original Multi-Surface	Advanced Multi-Surface	Advanced Delicate Surface
	For a variety of different textured surfaces	For painted or lightly textured surfaces	For freshly painted non-textured surfaces

Walls & Ceilings	Original Multi-Surface	Advanced Multi-Surface	Advanced Delicate Surface
-Heavy Texture* (knock-down ¹)	●		
-Light Texture (orange peel ²)	●	●	
-No Texture (smooth)		●	●
-Fresh Paint (24 hours)			●
Ceiling Tiles & Grids			●
Paneling			●
Vinyl Coated Wallpaper, Borders			●
Baseboards, Window & Door Trim			
Heavy Grain Wood	●	●	
Smooth Grain Wood	●	●	●
Vinyl, Aluminum, Metal	●	●	●
Floors			
Finished, Engineered Hardwood			●
Unfinished Hardwood	●		
Carpet	●		
Marble, Slate, Stone, Concrete	●	●	
Vinyl, Laminate	●	●	●
Other Interior Surfaces			
Cabinets			
-Heavy Grain Wood	●	●	
-Smooth Grain Wood	●	●	●
-Paper or Veneer Laminates			●
Countertops, Tile, Caulk	●	●	●
Hardware, Glass, Porcelain	●	●	●
Exterior Surfaces			
Brick, Block, Stone, Concrete	●	●	
Hardware, Glass	●	●	
Trim (vinyl, metal, wood)	●	●	
Siding (vinyl, wood, non-rough clapboard)	●	●	

*Once you select a tape, please test compatibility before use, as results may vary.

¹ Knock-down is a drywall finishing technique in which the surface is mottled with watered-down joint compound

² Orange peel is a bumpy, textured surface resembling that of an orange peel

Find additional painting techniques and learn more about masking a variety of surfaces at ScotchBlue.com.

Helpful Hints

Size & Scale Suggestions

- Consider the size of the wall on which you'll paint the diamonds and figure out the look you're trying to create.
- Sketch your vision on paper, drawn to scale. This will give you a blueprint of how the pattern will fit onto your wall.
- Use tape to bring your vision to life and see it come together prior to painting.

Paint Pointers

- Choose colors that complement one another and that enhance your furniture and accessories.
- For a more subtle look, choose two different sheens (i.e., semi-gloss and flat) in the same color.
- Before you buy, consider bringing home paint swatches to get an idea of how the colors will look together in your space. It's a great way to avoid time-consuming painting mistakes.

Tape Tips



Resist the Urge to Stretch

When masking any surface, pull tape off the roll a few feet at a time. Avoid stretching the tape, as this can cause it to lift up or break.



Skip the Template

Good with a tape measure? Skip the template and draw your pattern using a pencil, tape measure, level, and straight edge.

Décor Ideas

- Add depth and dimension by accessorizing with rounded shapes such as candles, vases and lamps.
- Decorate with pillows, wall hangings, cushion covers and other elements that complement and enhance the colors of your diamond pattern.

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