

How to paint stripes

Stripes are the most classical decorating motif, wonderful striped wallpapers have decorated palaces for hundreds and hundreds of years, think Regency. Striped patterns give walls decorating impact, enable additional colours to be introduced and add a confidence and delightful mood to rooms.

What's more, the technique is surprisingly easy, fast and the result is very rewarding. The secret to stripes is Scotch-Blue Painter's Tape.

To get a hang of it, start small, on a table and then you can progress confidently to striping the wall; the technique is exactly the same.

The impact of striped walls is terrific, they can look subtle and dressy if colours are harmonious, or fresh and casual with contrast. To ensure that the lines on a wall are straight, a spirit level or a plumb bob (a weight on a string) will be helpful.



YOU'LL NEED

- Scotch-Blue Painter's Tape for delicate surfaces
- pencil
- ruler or measuring tape
- paint
- brush or small roller



1 Measure the width of your tabletop and calculate the number and width of stripes you would like. Mark lightly with a sharp pencil the points that will be your guides for your stripes.



2 Mark the same points for each stripe edge at intervals of approximately 15cm apart moving across the width of the table. This will allow you to keep your lines perfectly parallel.



3 Our table is white, we want neutral stripes in the equal widths. So lay the Scotch-Blue Painter's Tape carefully along the points marked. Make sure that you place the masking tape butting up to the outside edge of the stripe you are to paint.



4 Paint in the stripes, it may require one or two coats to get the coverage you want.



5 When the final coat has been painted, remove the tape while the paint is tacky, holding it high so it pulls away cleanly.

colour tip

To achieve the fresh and classic look we painted our stripes in New Look Baguette teamed with New Look Mykonos White.



6 The result is a very stylish table. Now for the walls.