



Pattern Stencil Instructions

IMPORTANT! Please read all the instructions before beginning. Do you really have to? Yes. The more you know first, the easier it will be. Just do it. Read on.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Pre-painted wall with background color
- Pattern wall stencil
- Latex or acrylic paint for stenciling
- Dense foam roller with rounded ends
- Large styrofoam plate or paint tray
- 2-inch painter's tape

HOW TO STENCIL

Step 1 - Apply painter's tape along the ceiling edge, around any door frames, window frames, over baseboards and any other surface that may need protection from paint.

Step 2 – Placing the stencil: Start at one end of the wall and work your way to the other. Let's go left to right to simplify the instructions. Gently peel the larger stencil from the backing paper. Stick the stencil to the top-left corner of the wall, all the way to the ceiling and all the way to the corner. Rub it down with your hand, making sure that all inner edges are down to avoid any bleeding.

Step 3 – Get your paint ready: Pour a small amount of acrylic or latex paint onto a foam plate or tray.

Step 4 – Load your roller: Roll the foam roller in the paint a few times until you get an even distribution of paint. You shouldn't have any unabsorbed or uncolored spots on the roller surface.

Step 5 – Blot off excess paint: Too much paint on the roller will lead to unwanted bleeding, so this is an important step not to be skipped. Simply roll the roller a couple of times on a paper towel to blot off the excess paint.

Step 6 – Begin to stencil: Use light to medium pressure and roll the roller all over the stencil. Too much pressure while stenciling will cause stencil bleeding, so pay attention to the pressure. Once the first coat is dry, apply a second and third if needed.

Step 7 – Moving the stencil: Once you are satisfied with the stencil coverage and the paint is semi dry, gently peel the stencil from the wall. Place the stencil on the release paper until you are ready to begin again.

Step 8 – Repeating the stencil pattern: To ensure that the stencil pattern stays level and symmetrical, you are going to overlap the design. Before beginning with the second stencil, make sure that the first stenciled area is completely dry. You can use a hairdryer to speed things up. When the paint is completely dry, overlap the pattern on the left-most side of the stencil with the pattern on the right-most side of the painted wall. Once it is perfectly lined up, rub it down with your hand and you are ready to continue. After you've completed the top row, move onto the second row, now overlapping the top-most pattern of the stencil with the bottom-most portion of the stenciled design on the wall.

Step 9 - Painting the bottom row: When painting the bottom row, place the extra sheet of release paper on the floor, slick side up, under the area you will be painting the final row. This will keep the adhesive side of your stencil clean and prevent it from sticking to anything else if it goes beyond the wall and onto the floor.

Step 10 – Painting the upper border sheet: Remove the border sheet from the backing paper. Align it with the stencil design, so it forms a complete pattern, and stick it to the wall. Paint in and remove.

OTHER TIPS

- Painting the corners: Corners aren't as hard as you may think. Our stencils are quite flexible, so you should be able to stick the stencil to the wall, following the pattern, and simply wrap the stencil around on the connecting wall.
- If you wish to save the stencil, you can remove dried paint on the stencil with baby wipes.
- After you clean your roller, make sure it is completely dry before using it again. Any water in the brush will lead to stencil bleeding.
- If you make a mistake, don't worry - you can fix it! If the paint is still wet you can usually remove it with a moist towel or baby wipe. Keep on hand some extra basecoat paint so you'll be able to easily paint over the mistake.

Have fun and happy painting! And if you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to call us M-F 10-6EST at 888-945-4443.

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