

The stencil kit includes

45 stencils, assortment of brushes, eye kit, release paper (for storing stencils on)

You will also need

Acrylic paints - used for stenciling

Pre-painted room - painted with latex paint (semi-gloss or satin recommended)

Brushes - 10-20 foam brushes of various sizes, 1 fine-tip brush for touch-ups and the eyes, and foam roller(s) for the larger stencils

Ball-point pen - used for drawing eyes

Chalk - used for sketching coral reef

Paper plates - used to hold acrylic paints

Paper towels and baby wipes- used for keeping stencils clean

Scissors - used for separating stencils and cutting away any extra plastic

How to paint the mural

1. Paint background colors. For a scene with sky and coral reef, you will need two colors of latex paint. Paint the sky and coral reef and let dry.

*Tip! If you want the reef to come above the furniture, use chalk to mark out where the furniture will be, and then sketch the reef.

*Tip! An easy way to paint the reef is to use a paint roller, then smooth out the edge with a paint brush.

*Tip! Save background color paint for touch-ups.

2. Prepare the stencils. The kit contains six sheets with several stencils on each sheet.

*Tip! It's a good idea to test the layout of your design prior to stenciling. Before peeling the stencils off the paper backing, use scissors to divide the large sheets into individual stencils. This will allow you to tape them to the wall first and to try different variations to see what you like best.

*Tip! You can use scissors to cut away any extra plastic on the stencils. This will allow you to get closer to the baseboards and/or paint objects closer together at the same time.

3. Stencil the walls. The stencils have a self-adhesive coating, so no tape or glue is required. Just peel the stencil from the paper backing, stick it to the wall, paint in, remove, and reuse.

a. PEEL: First, peel the stencil from the paper backing. The stencils are tear-resistant, but it is best to be careful. If you feel a hang-up, stop and peel from another direction.

b. STICK: Next, place the stencil on the wall and rub it down with your hand, making sure that all inner edges are down to avoid any bleeding.

c. PAINT: Then, with a foam brush apply a thin coat of acrylic paint with a gentle patting or stabbing motion (or roll it on thinly if using a roller). Apply a second coat as necessary.

*Tip! Practice with something small and simple like seashell.

*Tip! To avoid bleeding, make sure not to put too much paint on the brush. 2 or 3 light coats will work much better than one thick one. Also, after you wash your brush make sure it is completely dry before using it again. Squeeze the water out with a hand-towel and use a hair dryer to speed things up.

d. REMOVE: Finally, after the paint is semi-dry, remove the stencil from the wall. Paint in any areas left unpainted due to stencil bridges (plastic areas of the stencil that hold two edges together and are necessary to preserve its structure).

*Tip! Store the stencils on the extra sheets of release paper.

e. REUSE: The stencils can be reused efficiently approximately 5-10 times.

*Tip! When reusing a stencil, place it on the wall and press down with a paper towel. This will help keep it clean and prevent excess build-up. You can remove dried paint on the stencil with a baby wipe.

Make sure to check out our instructional videos at www.MyWonderfulWalls.com

For questions or comments call us M-F 10am to 6pm EST at 1-888-945-4443

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Acrylic paint

Acrylic paints are conveniently available through our website in Paint Kits and at craft and fabric stores. We recommend the Americana and FolkArt brands. Be aware that some hobby acrylic paints are more watery than others. Watery acrylics will cause bleeding under the stencil. We do not recommend Anita's, Delta Ceramcoat or any metallic hobby paint.

Acrylic paint kit (sold separately at www.MyWonderfulWalls.com)













Below is a list of the colors we have found work well together for this kit. *Please note that the quantity of paint we suggest is an estimate. The amount of paint you actually use will depend on the size of the room and the number of times you paint each design.* Note that these are merely suggestions. Don't be afraid to channel the inner artist within or, if you prefer, simply mimic what we have already done. There are endless possibilities of how the mural can be painted.

Acrylic paint

Brand: Americana

Size: 2 oz. bottles

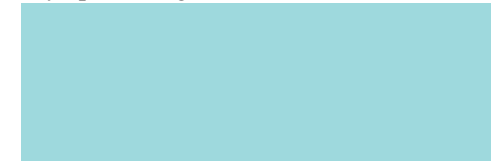
Qty.

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	Hauser Medium Green DA132		Ocean Blue DA270
3		2	
	Pumpkin DAO13		Calypso Blue DA234
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	Canyon Orange DA238		Blue Violet DA141
1		1	
	Golden Straw DA168		Wild Orchid DA233
1		1	
	Cadmium Yellow DAO10		Lavender DAO34
1		1	
	Snow (Titanium) White DAO1		Bluegrass Green DAO47
1		1	
	Razzle Berry DA276		Sea Aqua DAO46
1		1	
	Tuscan Red DA265		Teal Green DA107
1		2	
	Gingerbread DA218		Bahama Blue DA255
1			
	Honey Brown DA163		
1			
	Dark Chocolate DAO65		
1			
	Lamp (Ebony) Black DAO67		

Latex paint (available at home stores)

These are the colors we have used and know look good, but you can find similar colors at any home store (Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.).

Water: "Aqua Chiffon" A58-3,
 Olympic, semi-gloss or satin, Lowe's



Reef: "Sauteed Mushroom" D21-4
 Olympic, semi-gloss or satin, Lowe's



Stencils Included & Color Guide

