

Multi-width stripes are an easy way to create complex, interesting pattern designs with minimal effort. Alternating colors and stripe widths will give you endless variety – and ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tapes will support your ideas with dependable versatility.



## Tools

- ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape Advanced
- Tape measure
- Delicate Surface with Edge-Lock™ Protector
- Pencil & level
- Paints, brush, roller & tray
- 5-in-1 tool/putty knife

## Preparation

- Plan your striping pattern – see next page for ideas
- Remove wall hangings and fill nail holes
- Make sure wall is clean, dust-free and dry before you begin

## 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 at least 24 hours.

### Step 3: Measure Pattern



Start your first grouping 5 inches from your first corner. Measure and mark your groupings on the tape that masks your trim. Use level and pencil to draw a line at the edge of one grouping.

### Step 4: Start Masking



Start from the pencil line. Place 3 strips of 1" tape next to one another, running from top to bottom of the wall. Remove the middle piece of tape, to expose the wall.

### Step 5: Finish First Group



Measure 4" from the last piece of tape you put on the wall. Draw a line, then place three strips of 1" tape next to each other, from top to bottom. Remove the middle tape to expose the wall.

### Step 6: Mask Full Room



Measure 10" from your last piece of tape. From this point, repeat steps 4, 5 and the start of 6 – until you are done masking the entire room. Then press down all tape with a putty knife or 5-in-1 tool.

### Step 7: Paint Stripes



Apply your darker paint color to all exposed 1" and 4" spaces throughout the entire room. Use a light amount of paint along the tape edges to avoid paint seepage. Let the paint dry for at least 24 hours.

### Step 8: Remove Tape



Carefully remove tape at a 45° angle, pulling away from the freshest paint line. 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
<b>Walls &amp; Ceilings</b>			
-Heavy Texture* (knock-down <sup>1</sup> )	●		
-Light Texture (orange peel <sup>2</sup> )	●	●	
-No Texture (smooth)		●	●
-Fresh Paint (24 hours)			●
Ceiling Tiles & Grids			●
Paneling			●
Vinyl Coated Wallpaper, Borders			●
<b>Baseboards, Window &amp; Door Trim</b>			
Heavy Grain Wood	●	●	
Smooth Grain Wood	●	●	●
Vinyl, Aluminum, Metal	●	●	●
<b>Floors</b>			
Finished, Engineered Hardwood			●
Unfinished Hardwood	●		
Carpet	●		
Marble, Slate, Stone, Concrete	●	●	
Vinyl, Laminate	●	●	●
<b>Other Interior Surfaces</b>			
Cabinets			
-Heavy Grain Wood	●	●	
-Smooth Grain Wood	●	●	●
-Paper or Veneer Laminates			●
Countertops, Tile, Caulk	●	●	●
Hardware, Glass, Porcelain	●	●	●
<b>Exterior Surfaces</b>			
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.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://ScotchBlue.com).

## Helpful Hints

### Size & Scale Suggestions

- A simple pattern could be a symmetrical grouping of alternating dark and light stripes of the following widths: 1" dark stripe; 1" light stripe; 4" dark stripe; 1" light stripe; 1" dark stripe.
- Each group could be separated by a 10" light stripe, to really make the groupings stand out.

### Paint Pointers

- Choose colors that complement each other and enhance the flooring, furniture and accessories of your room.
- Achieve subtle stripes by using the same color of paint in different sheens (i.e., flat and semi-gloss).
- Try an alternative technique: use a gloss varnish over a flat or low-sheen paint.
- Before you buy, consider bringing home paint swatches or samples, 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.

#### Get Extra Sharp Lines

Seal the edge of the tape with the basecoat color. This helps the tape adhere and gives you clean, sharp, professional paint lines.

### Décor Ideas

- Accessorize with various shapes, such as round candles and vases, or square wooden trays, to offer additional texture and dimension.
- Decorate with pillows, wall hangings, cushion covers and other elements that complement and enhance the colors used for your stripes.

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