

Creative chalkboards painted directly on your walls offer a decorative way for family members and guests to express themselves. Make them in any shape you want using your own templates and ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape.



Tools

- ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape Advanced Delicate Surface with Edge-Lock™ Protector
- Brush, roller & tray
- Primer, paint, chalkboard paint
- 5-in-1 tool/putty knife
- Tape measure
- Pencil & level
- Cardboard / tackboard

Preparation

- Remove any wall hangings (pictures, racks, 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 baseboard, molding, and non-textured ceiling with ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape Advanced Delicate Surface.

Step 2: Mask Chair Rail



Measure from the floor to the desired height of your chair rail. Make a small pencil mark, then use a level and a pencil to draw the top rail edge. Tape the rail line. **Hint:** use tape to determine the width of your chair rail.

Step 3: Paint Lower Wall



Apply primer to lower wall and let it dry for 24 hours. **Hint:** for best results, use two coats of primer. Then paint the lower wall with chalkboard paint. Let it dry for 24 hours.

Step 4: Paint Upper Wall



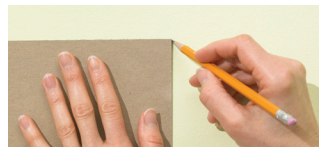
Paint the upper portion of the wall with your basecoat color and let it dry for 24 hours.

Step 5: Create Templates



Use cardboard to create templates for your upper-wall chalkboards. Tape templates to the wall and outline each one in pencil. **Hint:** you can also create your outlines by just using a tape measure and pencil.

Step 6: Mask Shapes



Mask around each shape. **Hint:** Keep pencil lines inside the border of the tape.

Step 7: Paint Chalkboards



Apply primer to shapes and let them dry for 24 hours. Then apply the chalkboard paint and let it dry for 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			
-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 room as you plan the sizes of your upper-wall chalkboards. You may wish to vary the sizes and use both squares and rectangles, depending on your space and your needs.
- Sketch your vision on paper, drawn to scale. This will give you a blueprint of how the sizes, shapes and spacing will fit onto your wall.
- Use tape to bring your vision to life and see it come together – before you paint.

Paint Pointers

- Use two coats of primer before painting with chalkboard paint, to make sure you can't see the base wall color.
- Create dual-purpose boards by using primers and/or chalkboard paints that contain metal dust – turning your boards into magnetic surfaces too.

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

- Attach a wooden rail to the wall under each board, to hold your chalk and (if applicable) your magnets.
- Add a bench or shelving to enhance the chalkboard wall while providing useful storage for items like erasers and extra chalk.

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