

A few coats of paint and a change of accessories can liven up your space and create a more up-to-date style. Taping in and around cabinets is much easier with ScotchBlue<sup>TM</sup> Painter's Tape. You can use the time you save to enjoy your new look.



**Tools You'll Need:**

ScotchBlue<sup>TM</sup> Painter's Tape, Paint Brushes and/or Roller, Screw Driver, Primer & Paint

**Planning**

When selecting your paint color, keep in mind that you'll have to live with this color or if you're planning on selling, not all buyers will appreciate a bold color. A light color will make a room look open, while dark cabinets can transform old-fashioned cabinets to look more modern.

**Step-By-Step Guide:**

1



Tape walls around cabinets. Don't forget the backsplash.

2



Remove cabinet doors and handles.

3



Tape cabinet inner shelves and sides. Apply primer coat.

4



Apply two coats of paint. Allow to dry (approximately 4 hours). Remove tape.

5



Remove door hinges.

6



Prime and paint doors.

7



Tape fully cured cabinets and trim.

8



Paint wall base coat. Allow to dry. Carefully pull tape. Reassemble cabinets.

## Selecting the Right ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape

The success of any painting project depends on making sure you have the right tools at hand. This **ScotchBlue™ Tape Selector Chart** makes it easy.

1. Find the part of the home on the chart that best represents what you're painting.
2. Look for the surface you need to mask (*this is not the surface you are painting!*)
3. If more than one tape is recommended for a surface, consider removal time and adhesion level needed to help determine the right tape for your project.

AREA YOU NEED TO MASK	ScotchBlue™ Original Multi-Surface	ScotchBlue™ Advanced Multi-Surface	ScotchBlue™ Delicate Surface
<b>Walls &amp; Ceilings</b>			
Freshly Painted Non-Textured Surfaces	NR	NR	*
Walls & Ceilings			
-Heavy Texture*	*	TEST	NR
-Light Texture	*	TEST	TEST
-Smooth Texture	TEST	*	*
Ceiling Tiles & Grids	NR	NR	*
Paneling	NR	NR	*
Vinyl Coated Wallpaper, Borders	NR	NR	*
<b>Baseboards, Window &amp; Door Trim</b>			
Freshly Painted Non-Textured Surfaces	NR	NR	*
Wood Trim			
-Heavy Grain (oak, hickory)	*	*	TEST
-Smooth Grain (birch, ash, maple)	TEST	*	*
Vinyl, Aluminum, Metal Trim	*	*	*
<b>Floors</b>			
Freshly Painted Non-Textured Surfaces	NR	NR	*
Solid Hardwood			
-Finished, Engineered Hardwood	NR	NR	*
-Unfinished	*	TEST	NR
Carpet	*	TEST	NR
Marble, Slate, Stone, Concrete	*	*	TEST
Vinyl, Laminate	TEST	TEST	*
<b>Other Interior Surfaces</b>			
Freshly Painted Non-Textured Surfaces	NR	NR	*
Cabinets			
-Heavy Grain (oak, hickory)	*	*	TEST
-Smooth Grain (birch, ash, maple)	TEST	*	*
-Paper or Veneer Laminates	NR	NR	*
Countertops, Tile, Grout, Caulk	*	*	TEST
Hardware, Glass, Porcelain	*	*	*
<b>Other Exterior Surfaces</b>			
Freshly Painted Non-Textured Surfaces	NR	NR	*
Brick, Block, Stone, Concrete	*	*	NR
Hardware, Glass	*	*	TEST
Vinyl, Aluminum, Metal Trim	*	*	TEST
Vinyl Siding, Clapboard (non-rough)	*	*	TEST
Wood Siding (rough & non-rough)	*	*	TEST

\* = Recommended  
 TEST = Test compatibility before use as results may vary.  
 NR = Not Recommended

\* Learn more about masking on textured surfaces at [www.ScotchBlue.com](http://www.ScotchBlue.com)

\*\* None of the ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tapes are recommended for use on laquered surfaces



## Helpful Hints

### Décor Ideas

Want a gourmet kitchen without the major overhaul? Add a tile backsplash and under-cabinet lights — both are functional and design-oriented, and deliver a big bang for your buck. Replacing fixtures like faucets and lighting can also give your kitchen an instant and inexpensive makeover.

### Paint Tips

High-gloss paint is often recommended for cabinets, however semi-gloss adds a rich finish. When applying paint to cabinets, use a quality brush — the better the brush, the better the finish. Begin painting at the center of the cabinets and follow the grain.



**Clean the Surface:** Be sure the surfaces you are planning to mask are clean, dry and dust-free so tape will stick properly.



**Tricks for Sharp Lines:** On more textured surfaces be sure to seal the edges of the tape with the base paint color. This will help the tape adhere to the rougher wall and give you clean, sharp, professional paint lines.

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