



## Fanciful Bold Stripes

Featured in this January 2006 issue are these fanciful and bold faux painted stripes, that are created by using 1-inch Blue Painter's masking tape to define the stripes. Keep in mind that this effect is best suited for non-textured walls. It's really difficult to draw and mask over textured surfaces of any kind. The amount of time needed for this project may be from 2-3 days, depending on the size of the room and the amount of preparation needed.

You can vary these steps by painting the entire room with the base color and then painting the stripes on only one wall, or painting the stripes on the opposite ends of the room, depending on the time you have available.

If your walls are already painted, with an existing color, start by pre-painting the entire wall, or room, in one of the two BENJAMIN MOORE & Co. PREVIEW COLORS shown. We recommend Caramel Latte #2166-20, as the Base Color and Smoldering Red #2007-10 as the stripe color. By using a paint product with a sheen, such as Benjamin Moore's 310 AQUAPEARL® PEARL FINISH, or 319 AQUAVELVET® EGG SHELL FINISH it will further enhance the look of a silk effect on the wall.

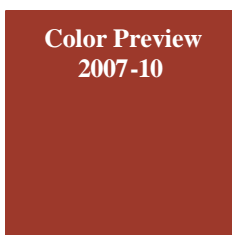
You will create the stripes by using a pencil, a small level and a 6 to 7 foot aluminum wallpaper straight edge. This is the simplest and fastest way to draw a straight line. A straight board is also acceptable, but be sure it is straight.

Measure the wall, from the top, at intervals of 12-24 inches (depending on how wide you want your stripes) and make a small pencil guide mark large enough to be seen from the floor. Hold the wallpaper straight edge vertical against the wall; use the small level to keep the edge straight up and down; and have your helper use a pencil to draw the lines. Make your pencil lines light, but enough to be seen, the paint will cover it up.

Next, begin applying the masking tape to the outside edge of your pencil lines to create the individual stripes. Use your finger to gently rub the inside edge of the masking tape into place. This will become your hard edge for the bold stripes.

Next take some of the same paint color, you painted the wall with, and using a 2-inch brush, paint over the inside edge of the masking tape to seal the stripe edge. This will prevent excess stripe color from bleeding under the masking tape. After the paint has dried, take a clean 2-inch brush and paint the edges with your stripe color and then use a roller to finish the entire stripe. Follow this same procedure to paint each of the stripes. Then, allow the paint to dry and pull the masking tape off gently. If any pencil marks are still visible, use an art gum eraser to gently rub them away.

Remember to save a small amount, of each paint color, for future touchups.



### Texas Paint & Wallpaper Shopping List

Don't forget Quality Benjamin Moore & Co. brushes and rollers to complete the project.



310 Regal AQUAPEARL PEARL FINISH

Or,



319 Regal AQUAVELVET EGG SHELL FINISH



3M Brand Blue Painter's Masking Tape



Advance #300 Aluminum Straight Edge