

hand painting a wallpaper effect

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TIME: *About 1 to 4 hours
(depending on wall
size)*

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 quart of paint
- 1 4" foam brush
- 1 roll of ½" painter's tape
- 1 drop cloth or plastic to protect the floor
- 1 level
- 1 paint tray
- 1 measuring tape
- 1 large piece of cardboard (for practicing technique)

MEASURE AND TAPE YOUR GUIDES TO THE WALL

1. Before you begin, make sure your floors are protected with a drop cloth.
2. Start at one side of your wall and measure out six inches. Apply painter's tape vertically the full length of wall, floor to ceiling. Use a level to make sure the strips are perfectly straight from floor to ceiling. Repeat every six inches across the wall you'll be painting.

PRACTICE THE PATTERN TECHNIQUE

3. Hang a large piece of cardboard on the wall. Add paint to your paint tray and dip your foam brush into the paint, grabbing enough paint to get five to six dashes per dip. Practice making dashes on the cardboard with your foam brush at a 45 degree angle, about two inches apart, until you feel comfortable with your technique.

TIP: Remember, it's meant to look imperfect!

APPLY PAINT TO WALL

4. When you're ready to move to the wall, start on one side of painter's tape at ceiling level and make a dash going down at a 45 degree angle. The dashes should never touch the painter's tape, but rather begin about half an inch to the side of it. Every two to two-and-a-half inches, make another dash until you reach the floor. On the opposite side of the same strip of painter's tape, make the mirror image of the dashes, aligning the starting points with the first set of dashes, going the length of the tape.
5. Repeat the dash technique at every other strip of painter's tape across the wall.

REMOVE TAPE GUIDES

6. After paint has dried (about 30 to 60 minutes), remove the painter's tape.