



Need an easy way to
elevate your favorite space?

Grab some **STENCILS** and go to town.
We've got some terrific ideas to get you started.

just a trace

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« vowel play

Can humble wooden letters become the belles of the bookshelf? If you can dream it, you can stencil it! Here's an easy glam plan: acrylic craft paint, a flourish-style stencil, a fancy gold leafing pen, and a handful of beaded flower embellishments.

» shelf life

This quirky secondhand bookshelf got the mother of all upgrades, thanks to a trendy teal paint job and a gorgeous Moroccan-inspired stencil. For stop-you-in-your-tracks shine, we traced the stencil with a pencil and filled in the design with gold leaf.



flip your lid

Want a nobody-else-has-it look? You can layer assorted stencils to create a unique pattern—that's how we embellished these eye-popping paper-maché boxes. Just remember to work with one stencil at a time, letting the paint dry before moving on to the next design.

» making light

Your mission: make a wooden wastebasket shine! Your supplies: a pendant light kit, some funky beaded trim, acrylic paint, and an assortment of Spanish tile-inspired stencils. For catch-the-light sparkle, dot your completed design with self-adhesive gemstones.



turn the table

To pull off this opulent (but fully functional) design on a much-used work surface, use a white dressmaker's pencil to trace a lattice-style stencil onto the wood. Then, fill in the outline with leafing adhesive. Next apply gold leaf, leaf sealant and polyurethane to protect your handiwork from wear and tear.



» board game

To make this show-stopping message center, we mounted self-adhesive cork on foam board and placed it in a painted wooden frame. But the real wow? It comes from a series of fearless stenciled-on embellishments and a sprinkling of twinkly self-adhesive gemstones.

» seat feat

If an easy upcycle is your heart's desire, stencils are definitely your dream date. They're an easy way to add oomph to everything from bare walls to boring furniture, like this basic stool. We got a little fancy for this touch-of-shine design—gold leaf instead of paint.



tip:

For best results, affix the stencil to your project with stencil adhesive. This low-tack, spray-on glue keeps the stencil in place as you work. It also helps keep paint from seeping under the stencil and making a mess of your design.