



SPELL IT...NUMBER IT...

STENCIL IT!

Take your style from sweet to urban chic—all with our extensive selection of letter and number stencils. Check out these fun project ideas to get you started.



the art of stenciling

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1. **GRAFFITI ME:** The writing on this edgy, graffiti-inspired wall comes from basic stencils. Add letters and numbers a layer at a time, using lighter brush strokes (and less paint) for rubber stamp-style fade. To avoid smudges, allow ample dry time for each layer. *Tip: Love the background? We achieved the effect by dragging various colors across the surface using an industrial bristle broom.*
2. **I SEE LONDON:** If the perfect letters don't jump off the shelf, you can rescue your project with stencil blanks. Find a font you love and trace it onto the clear, flexible plastic. Then cut out the letters with a craft knife or a heated stencil cutter (available in the Craft Department). *Tip: We didn't make a stencil for the flag. We simply taped off the lines with painter's tape.*



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THE SHORT LIST

Load up on these supplies to pull off a basic stencil job.

Stencils: Choose from our extensive selection of alphas and numbers.

Stencil Tape or Stencil Adhesive: These products hold the stencil to your project as you work. **Acrylic Paint:** It comes in a staggering selection of colors and finishes. **Applicator:** We carry a variety of brushes, sponges and daubers.

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- 3. PLANTER BANTER:** Here's a quick (and easy) way to open the door to stenciled décor: Create a personalized welcome mat! It's as simple as off-the-shelf letter and number stencils and acrylic craft paint. If you go with a fibrous mat, like this basic coir mat, you'll want to use a protective finish to protect it from wear and the elements.
- 4. WELCOME HOME:** What's the plan for that been-around-the-block planter? You'll bring it back to life with a handful of well-chosen words! For the look shown here, choose ready-to-go alphabet stencils in a nice variety of sizes and fonts.

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BREAKFAST

LUNCH

AND

DINNER



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5. **ORDER UP:** Some projects are larger than life. That's why we have you covered with a handy selection of jumbo letter and number stencils. They're great for large furniture, like this table from the Home Accents Department. We turned it on its side and dressed it up as a row of super-sized cookbooks.
6. **MADE IN THE SHADE:** We didn't want the window to miss out on the fun, so we decked a simple Roman shade with an adorable kitchen-friendly design. To keep fabric projects like this one functional (meaning flexible and washable) mix your paint with a textile medium before you stencil it on. You'll find the handy stuff on the same aisle as the craft acrylics.
7. **CHERRY DELIGHT:** Stencil before you stuff—that's our motto! To embellish a basic pillow cover, slide a piece of cardboard under the fabric to keep the paint from bleeding through. Stencil the letters first, and then use a brush to fill in details like dots or contrasting outlines.
Tip: We made our own cherry stencils with clip art and a stencil blank.

PRECIOUS LITTLE

You can start your angel off in style with a roomful of sweet-as-can-be stenciled décor. That means going absolutely gaga with personalized art, adorably appointed storage and even a one-of-a-kind rug. Has any little bundle of joy ever had a better room? Baby, we think not!



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1. **BUCKET BY NUMBERS:** If you're counting on cute storage for your little one's space, try a trio of numbered pails. *Tip:* For curved surfaces, use a paint pen or a fine brush to trace the outline of the design. Then remove the stencil before filling in the color.
2. **HOOP HYPE:** State those sweet baby stats with stencils. Simply paint a collection of wooden embroidery hoops (available in the Needle Art Department), and then fill them with hand-stenciled fabric scraps. It's instant art—and it's personalized!
3. **LOVE BUG RUG:** This baby love rug is a square of basic canvas fabric. We added a ribbon border, but we thought it needed more. That's right—stencils! The letters are off-the-shelf and so are the hearts. We did the handprints with clip art and a stencil blank.

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