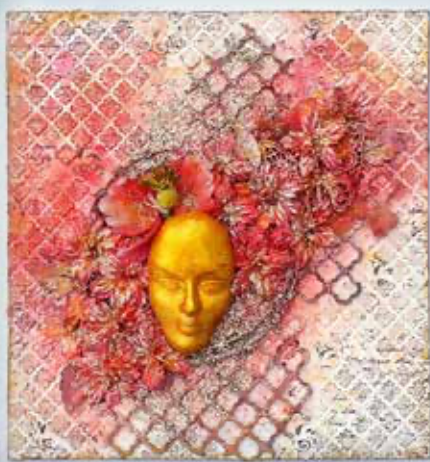




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Editor's Note:

Creating a beautiful, personalized space that reflects your unique style and personality can be a daunting task!. Are you afraid of DIY Home Decor because.

- Your Lack of Experience can lead to frustration and even mistakes that may end up costing you more time and money in the long run?
- Your Limited budget may stop you from achieving a high-end look?
- Your Design decisions may become clumsy because you are not sure what style you want to achieve or how to execute it.
- Your Time constraints or busy schedule allows you limited time to dedicate to your decorating projects.

What if we tell you that none of the above is a concern and show you that Decorating a home can be a fun and rewarding experience?

Inspiring Home Decor Ideas with Stencils was conceptualized to inspire you with various ideas to upgrade and add that hint of creativity to the decor. Also included are Bonus sections for Special Indian Decor and 2 DIY Tutorials. Each section contains unique projects to upgrade that boring corner in your home and office. The projects in the book are divided into 8 sections.

- i) Living room decor ii) Bedroom decor iii) Kitchen decor
- iv) Dining room decor v) Outdoor decor vi) Other Rooms decor
- vii) Office decor, viii) Recycled Items as Decor

We share 350+ decor ideas that will leave your brain brimming with inspirations for your next DIY project. We also share useful tips for surface preparation, stenciling and sealing your projects. This will become your go-to book for decorating with stencils.

By the end of this book, you will be confident enough to try your hand at DIY stenciling. Your perspective of seeing things around you will have changed. You will want to decorate each and every corner of your house, when you understand stencils are a versatile DIY tool and very cost effective one too.

Happy Crafting.

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Stencils

Stencils are fun and easy to use decorative and utilitarian tools made of thin sheets of cardboard, plastic, or metal with patterns or letters cut out of them. You can use various art and craft mediums to print design using stencils. The art of creating designs using stencils is known as stenciling.

So why use stencils?

Stencils come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and styles to help you design on any project and surface of your choice. Here are some reasons to use stencils:

- Stencils are more economical as compared to store bought Decor elements.
- Stencils come in a variety of designs and sizes.
- Stencils can be used with a variety of mediums such as paints, inks, texture pastes, etc.
- They are reusable to print designs on any surface of your choice including paper, wood, wall, fabric, and plastic.
- They relieve stress and help you relax. Improves your confidence and gives a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.
- They help you spend quality time with your kids and do some creative art.

Tools to use with stencils:

Stencils are very easy to use and don't require any skill training. Even a novice can easily use them to create beautiful designs on various craft projects. Here is a list of some essential and non-essential tools and equipment to make your stenciling experience more fun and easy.

Essential tools:

- **Inks and paints:** To create designs using stencils you would need paint or inks. A variety of paints including acrylic, chalk, fabric, watercolor can be used with stencils. You can also use all types of craft inks (pigment/ dye/ chalk/ solvent/ hybrid) with stencils. Spray inks, pencil colors, and markers can also be used with stencils.
- **Applicators:** You would need an applicator to apply inks and paint through stencils. You can use a stencil stippling brush, soft bristle blending brushes, sponge rollers, natural sea sponge, blending foam, sponge daubers, spouncer, palette knife to print designs using stencils.
- **Low tack masking tape:** You would need a low tack masking tape to adhere your stencil to your work surface. You can also use low tacky spray to create repositionable stencils.



Non-essential tools:

- **Ruler and measuring tapes:** A ruler or measuring tape can help you place your stencils in correct positions. Rulers or measuring tape are especially important when you want to use the same stencil repeatedly (like when designing on a wall) to create a print, as they will help you measure the accurate distance between each stencil print.
- **Set-square:** Set-square gives accurate corners and right angles and can be very helpful in placing stencils especially when working on large surfaces.
- **Graphite pencil:** A light graphite pencil to make markings to place your stencil on your craft surfaces.
- **Fixatives:** Fixatives such as varnish, gel medium, or Mod-podge can be used as fixatives to seal your stenciled projects depending on the surface that you are working with.
- **Paper towel/ Rags:** To dab of any excess paint or ink of your applicators. They are also important to keep your work surface clean.
- **Paint Roller and Paint tray:** You would need a paint tray for your paints.
- **Clip on Stencil Level:** This tool helps you to align adjacent stencils in a straight line, when stenciling on wall



Preparing surfaces for stenciling:

All work surfaces need to be free of dust before you stencil on them. The surfaces also need to be flat and free of any texture or the stencil design (paint) may peel off over some time. You need to use a different method to prepare the surface based on the nature of the surface. Some surfaces can be prepared by simply cleaning them with soap water whereas other surfaces (like wood & terra cotta) would need to be sealed before stenciling on them.

- **Wood:** Wood should be sanded down with medium and then fine-grade abrasive paper. When the surface is smooth, wipe it with a damp cloth to remove saw-dust and leave it to dry. If you want to darken the natural color of wood, paint the surface with diluted wood stain in a long stroke along the grain of the wood. If you wish to retain the original color of the wood, apply a coat of water-based wood sealant before stenciling (water-based sealant is preferred as they don't have yellowish hue).

- **Wall:** When working on a freshly painted wall, make sure the paint is dry before stenciling. If you are working on a wall that has been painted long ago, clean the wall surface using a mild soap water solution to get rid of any dust. If there are any cracks or chips in paints, make sure to fix them before stenciling.
- **Tin / Metal:** Before stenciling on tin/ metal, you need to wash it with warm soapy water and let it dry. If the surface is very dirty or is rusting in some places, combine a bit of vinegar and baking soda and scrub it into the metal before washing with warm soapy water.
- **Papier Mache:** Wipe it with damp cloth or paper towel to remove dust.
- **Paper / Cardstock:** Make sure your paper is free of dust. If using embossing inks, use an anti-static tool to get rid of finger marks from the paper.
- **Glass / Ceramics:** Wash with warm soapy water and allow it to dry. You can also clean the glass surface with rubbing alcohol. Use a lint-free towel when working on glass for the best result.
- **Canvas:** Prime the canvas with 2 coats gesso before stenciling. Make sure the 1st coat of gesso is dry before applying the second coat. If you are using a pre-primed canvas, wipe it with a damp cloth to get rid of any dust.
- **Terra cotta:** If you are working on terra cotta pots, wipe the surface with a damp cloth. Then seal the surface with a clear acrylic sealer before stenciling.
- **Fabric:** Fabrics tend to shrink after 1st wash, hence thoroughly wash the fabric before you stencil on it. Washing also helps you to remove the sizing and protective chemicals used by manufacturers. You may need to iron the fabric before you start stenciling to remove wrinkles from the fabric.

Steps To Stenciling

There are 3 main steps in stenciling

1. **Position your stencil:** The first step to print design using a stencil is to stabilize your stencil on the work surface. Place your stencil flat on the work surface and adhere it in position using painter's low tack masking tape. You can also convert your stencils into low tack repositionable stencils using spray adhesive. The low tack repositionable stencils are an especially excellent way to stabilize your stencils when working on walls or round surfaces such as pots and tins.
 - To make low tack repositionable stencil, clean the backside of the stencil with a damp cloth to get rid of any dust particles. Lightly spray adhesive glue on the stencil and let it dry for a few minutes before using



it. Once you have finished using stencils, clean them with warm soapy water to get rid of the adhesive glue. However, some glue may be left behind on the stencil. Hence, store these



store these stencils on a wax / parchment paper to avoid them from sticking to other stencils or the packaging.

2. **Offload and work in layers:** Whether you use paint or ink, the golden rule to getting a beautiful stencil design without any bleed is to offload every time you pick up the paint or ink on the brush. This is especially important when working with paints. Offloading means to remove excess paint from the brush on a paper towel or rag. The paintbrush should have very little paint on it. You can then apply the paint or ink through a stencil by working in layers. You can either apply paint or ink by stippling motion or circular motion.

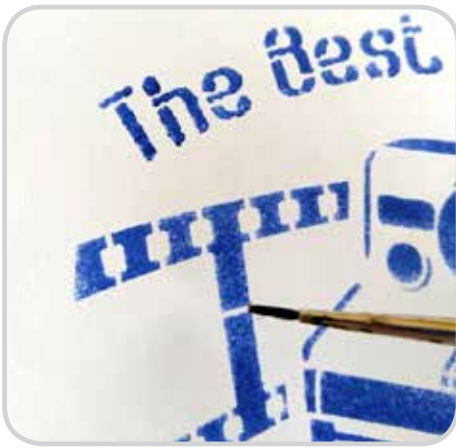
- Stippling motion means to tap the paint on the surface using either sponcers, stencil brushes, or sponge.
- Circular motion means the blending foam is held at a 90° angle to the surface and is moved lightly in a circular motion to print the design.



3. **Removing the stencil:** Patience is the key to get a bleed free design when working with paints. Let the paint dry for a few minutes before removing the stencil from the work surface to avoid any accidents.

4. **Touch up:** The beauty of stenciling is in the feel of handmade that you get. However, if there are areas that have not been printed properly through the stencil, you can use a small painting brush with your paint and paint to complete the design.





5. Join those bridges: If you are one of those who don't like the gaps made in stencil design due to bridges (solid parts of your stencil that hold the design together), use a thin paintbrush and paint, fill in those gaps.

Sealing Your Stenciled Projects

You must seal your stenciled projects to make them washable and easy to clean. Different surfaces require different methods to seal.

- **Wood:** Apply 2 coats of water-based varnish to seal your wooden projects. Thereafter, rub a wax sealer to add shine to your projects. Make sure to give enough time in between coats to dry.
- **Wall:** Applying varnish to a section of the wall to seal the stencil print may not be very feasible. Hence to make your stenciled wall projects last long, use store brought wall paints to print designs on the wall using stencils.
- **Tin/ Metal/ Terra cotta/ Canvas:** Apply 2 coats of water-based varnish to seal your tin/ metal projects. Make sure to give enough time in between coats to dry.
- **Glass/ Ceramic:** Mod-podge can be used to seal stencil prints on glass and small ceramic pots. To seal bigger ceramic pots and tiles you can use low gloss varnish from hardware stores as they provide stain-free, tile-like effects on drying.
- **Paper/ Paper Mache:** Home decor projects made on paper base should be sealed to make them last long and easy to clean. If you have used permanent inks and paints to create your project, you can use any water-based varnish to seal your project. If you have used watercolors or dye inks, you can use Mod-Podge or gel medium with dry brush technique to seal your projects. You can also use Ranger Distress Glaze (gel/ spray) or a watercolor spray varnish to seal your paper projects.
- **Fabric:** You need to heat set your paint when stenciling on fabric. Sandwich a piece of scrap fabric or parchment paper over the stenciled design. Set the iron on the medium setting and glide over the fabric continuously.

Cleaning Your Stencils

Stencils should be cleaned immediately after use to prolong their life. Don't use very hot or boiling water to clean stencils, as it can damage the stencils. Here are some simple tips to clean your stencils:

- When using inks, wipe stencils with a damp cloth or baby wipes to clean the ink from stencil.

- When using paints, run stencil under warm water and lightly scrub with a toothbrush or plastic scrub. Pay attention to areas around the edges.
- If the paint has caked on your stencil, soak the stencil in warm soapy water for 2 hours (or overnight) in a baking/ cookie tray. Scrub with a toothbrush or plastic scrub thereafter to get rid of the paint. Thereafter, run them under water and leave aside to dry.
- When using oil paints, use mineral spirits or turpentine to clean your stencils. Thereafter, run them under water and leave aside to dry.
- When using alcohol-based markers, use rubbing alcohol to clean your stencils. Thereafter, run them under water and leave aside to dry.

Storing Your Stencils

Stencils can last for a long time if they are cleaned and stored properly.

- You can store your stencils either horizontally or hang them by a hook.
- Reverse stencils should always store stencils in individual pocket sleeves to avoid tangling of stencil designs.
- Store stencils in a cool place.

Mediums That Can Be Used With Stencils

Various color and texture mediums can be used with stencils to create your favorite home decor items. Based on the texture that you want to achieve and the surface that you are working on, you can use different mediums with the stencil for printing designs.

- **Paints:** Based on the surface of printing, you can use acrylic, chalk, fabric, or oil paints with the stencil for printing. If you are creating on paper, you can also use water-colors.
- **Inks:** You can also use different kinds of inks (pigment, dye, chalk, solvent, or hybrid) with stencils to create designs. Inks sprays can also be used with stencils.
- **Pens, markers, and pencils:** You can use alcohol-based markers, waterproof fine liners, sketch pens, glitter pens, gel pens, pencil colors (wax-based or watercolors), crayons, Gelatos with stencils to create beautiful home decor projects.
- **Texture paste:** Various texture paste, gel mediums, fiber paste, sand paste, glass bead paste, glitter paste; crackle paste can be used with a stencil to add beautifully textured designs to your home decor projects.
- **Art mediums:** Wax mousse, heavy texture paints, pearl powders, dry glitter, heat embossing powder can also be used to add beautiful designs with stencils on your home decor projects.



1. Living Room Decor

The living room is part of our home where we spend most of our waking hours watching television, reading books, or interacting with other family members. It is also the room where we invite and entertain our friends and guests.

So why not give a twist to the furniture in this room of relaxation and entertainment? Become an interior decorator yourself with stencils to decorate your living room and upgrade it to reflect your persona. Though some of the projects are shown in living room decor, they can be used in other rooms too.

i) Furniture

The old-pale-boring wood furniture is certainly not doing enough for your interiors. Well, it's time to give it a twist of colors and exceptional designs. Give an artistic touch to your furniture & accessories and make it more than a storage piece. The best way to give your old furniture a creative and colorful look would be stenciling. With stenciling, furniture is not only functional but also showcases your skills and artistic viewpoint.



Cupboard

Imagine boring wooden furniture in your beautiful vibrant room. Doesn't match the desired appeal right? Well, a perfectly polished wooden cupboard is not sufficient. Use some delightful stencil patterns to create complementing appeal on your furniture. What's more? You can even complement your upholstery design!



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Cabinets

Look at these Cabinets which are extremely classy with varied stencil patterns as it embraces a modern look. You can use multiple stencil designs, and give a varied look to your cabinets with multiple drawer system.



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Use any design that matches, the look of your room and feel you wish to convey. For example, how about using a mandala stencil as a focal point (emphasis) in your cabinet? Or maybe even a sentiment?

Book Shelf

Books are men's (women's too) best friend. So why keep them messy? A unique stencil idea for your bookshelf will make your room organized and visually harmonious as well. It looks extremely organized as well as eye-catching.



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Floating Corner Shelf

Don't ignore that floating shelf just cause it's in the corner. Stenciling designs on it can make it a focal point of your living room to place accessories like candles or small artifacts.

Stools and chairs



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Stenciling them with the unique stencils will allow you to bring appeal to your interiors. A simple script or geometric stencil design will help you intensify the appeal of your stools and chairs.

ii) Floor, Wall, Tiles

Creating an accent or feature wall is one of the best ideas for your home decor. Unlike wallpapers that peel off after a certain period of time these stenciled walls have a long life. If you are bored with your decor, changing them is very easy – some paints, stencils and time are all you need. Using stencils is the best way to make your walls lively and spirited. With uniqueness and creativity, you can design some beautiful center of attraction accents on your wall.

Wall Designs



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These charming stencil patterns have a sensational appeal and makes your wall bold yet serene. Despite, being spread throughout the wall, it doesn't look clumsy or complicated and follows flowing rhythm.



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The usage of stencils on the wall is not only limited to patterns. You can also use motivational or quirky quotes with beautiful images along with them to personify your walls.



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Check this Folk Lady on wall, holding a quirky clock. Isn't she an interesting add-on to your clock?

Stairs

Not just walls, but stencil designs perfectly blend with your stairs, to seamlessly adore your home with the principle of rhythm.

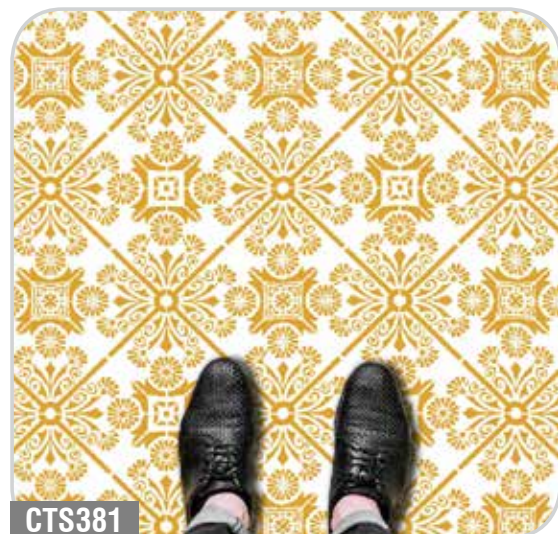


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Floor Tiles



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Why buy expensive designer tiles, when you can use stencils to create beautiful patterns on your floor? Isn't it an excellent option, considering the advantages - 1. You can use the color of your choice. 2. Reduced expense of redoing the complete floor?

iii) Canvas Paintings

Painting is the depiction of your delightful imaginations about the visuals you want to have in your home. Stencils can be used to create beautiful paintings around for your living room.



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Mandalas are a great means to calm your mind and help you focus more on what you do. You can use mandala stencils to create beautiful mandala paintings, with less effort and time!



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If you want to test your artistic talents and get some paint on your hands, use stencils for the major part and draw freehand along with it, just like these.



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If you want to have some quotes in your room, to enhance positive aura, you can create paintings like these with quotes using stencils.



If you want to do simple and easy decor to match your room colors, you can make paintings like these.

If you want some quirky decor, which will go with any color, any surroundings, and yet amplify the beauty, you can make beautiful paintings on round canvas.



If you need that small dose of motivation, something that reminds you to stay happy and positive all the time, you can create cute mini paintings like these and place them across your living room, desktops or workstations.



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Or maybe you need some cheerful decor for your home; you can do bright and beautiful paintings with folk art stencils like this. If you are a hard core folk art fans like us, you may match all the accessories in the room with the paintings.



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Or maybe you do not want just a canvas, but something more functional and that you can look upon every time you want to see time.



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Painting a Home Sweet Home Canvas is in itself a gesture, that shows how passionate you are towards life and love. When you use stencils, it is a guarantee that your outcome will be perfect. Combine it with some decoupage, you have an art piece!!

Who doesn't like to be appreciated for a Bright and Bold canvas painting at home? Don't worry if you are artistically challenged, you can still do awesome paintings with stencils. No measurements or difficult drawings. All perfectly preset templates.



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Drawing eyes are the most difficult task. The eyes are the soul of the picture and it expresses the feeling and sets the mood for the art. Does drawing eyes intimidate you? Don't let it, because you have stencils in your hand.



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Or may be you want to go crazy with all the art mediums you have and create a mixed media art, stencil offers you the liberty of trying anything you want!

iv) Embroidery Hoop Decor

Almost everyone has either a grandma or aunt who used to do embroidery work in their younger days but no longer pursue the same. Why not put those un-used embroidery hoops to use create some gorgeous decor?



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Use stencils to create storage hangings for your living rooms to keep your knick-knacks like spectacles or pens or your sewing supplies.



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You can also create beautiful wall hangings with embroidery hoops. Just adhere some paper on the hoop and use a stencil to create designs on them. They create great visual interest.



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You can convert the embroidery hoops into wall clocks and add quirkiness with some tribal folk art stencils to them.

We are sure you all need reminders. Create beautiful hangings with embroidery hoops to clip your reminders in your living room / kitchen / workstation.



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v) Clock

Wall clocks are the most essential utilitarian and decorative item that adorns the walls of living rooms of almost all homes. Even guests and friends that visit our homes, often look for a wall clock to check for the time. Let's put the paints and inks at your home to use and create beautiful wall clocks with the help of stencils.



You can use a simple clock stencils to create wall clocks.



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You can further add flourish designs around the clock to increase the oomph factor to your wall clocks.



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You may also combine the clock stencils with the decoupage to give contemporary look.



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And if you love quirkiness, you can add any symmetrical or asymmetrical design to decorate your wall clocks with stencils like this.



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Or maybe you can glass etch mandala designs to create wall clocks.



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If you love folkart, you will love clocks like these.

vi) Monogram , Chalkboard Decor, String Art

A **monogram** is a sign of identity for a person usually made from initials of the name. Often monograms are placed near the gate of the home or office to indicate the owner's identity. Monograms can also be used on kid's room door. Commercially purchased monograms are often very expensive and you may not find them in the design you want. Stencils can help you create beautiful monograms to adorn your home and office.



You can also add bows or flowers on your stenciled monograms to add more funk and retro decor look to them.



String Art is an addicting artform that creates aesthetically pleasing intricate DIY projects with just pins and threads. It turns a plank of wood/Foam board into a work of art. Stencils are a great starting point to String arts. You can trace the designs and start creating wonders like these. Aren't they gorgeous?!

A **chalkboard** has a high attention value as it is individual and unique. It catches ones eye and makes them curious. You can always write something new on your chalkboard whenever you have a good idea for a new message or a change of mood/ season / weather / menu. You can write with single color chalks or multicolor chalks



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Writing chalkboards can be a daunting task, if you don't have the artistic touch. That is when stencils become your best friend.

vii) Wall Frames

Wall frames are decor that can breathe life into your entire room. Photo-frames, motivational frames, mirrors, i.e. any sorts of wall frames can be decorated using stencils.



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Photo-Frames serve as a reservoir for memories and every time you walk past them, they bring back happy memories about the time spent with our loved ones. Use stencils to decorate these photo frames to add more preciousness to those beautiful memories.



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Mirrors are meant to help you dress up appropriately; however, they also make great decoration pieces. Since the period of kings and kingdoms, mirrors have a specific stake in beholding the beauty of interiors. So, why do they stay pale and boring at your home? This Moroccan style mirror is more than just mirror! It will be your center of attraction!



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If you are a lover of bright colors and Indian decor concepts or tribal motifs, use them to create vibrant wall frames for your living room.

Motivational Quotes bring positivity and balance in life. Looking at a motivational quote every day helps us achieve a wave of inner peace. Motivational quotes help us push through the difficult phases and they bring joy during happy times. So why not adorn your living room, kitchen or bedroom or your workplace with some stenciled motivational quotes? You can either mount it on wall or place them on desktop.



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When you see such quotes every day, you start looking forward to each day with new eagerness and enthusiasm.



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Along with quotes, you can also add images to these wall frames making the message of the quote stronger and meaningful and at the same time increasing the aesthetics of your room.



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You may also include welcome quotes that express what your family practices and believes in. This will impress your guests and show how accomodative you are.



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Wouldn't it be nice to have a frame that constantly reminds, what is more important in our fast paced life. That tells us to slow down and enjoy life.



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Imagine having this "Happy family Recipe" wall frame on your wall!! This exudes your family's characters and your fun-loving nature! This will surely fetch you lot of accolades from your guests!



How about having a Family Tree Wall Frame with your mini photos? This is not only a decor piece but also a way to educate your kids about the family roots and values.

Stencils can be used to trace the outline to create **Fake Stained Glass Paintings**. Stained glass paintings are often laborious and time-consuming process. You can fake the style using easily available glass colors and some dimensional mediums. Look how they add warmth and freshness to the kitchen walls, at the same time gives a contemporary look.



They can be used in living rooms as well as the stair walls to complement other colors and elements in the room

viii) Wall Hangings

Wall hangings are pieces of art that one selects based on taste and liking. They reflect the artistic expression of a person the most. A wall hanging can be any decorative object such as glass plates, tapestry, antique maps, etc.



If you love round wall hangings like a designer plate, why not create your personalized plate by stenciling on them to create a modern decor piece?



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Have a look at the Rectangle plate, converted to quote stand. Doesn't it make a great decor element?!



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You can also create beautiful wall hangings by adding stencil designs to wooden base with a few additions like thread or bells. Have a look at this aesthetically pleasing wall hanging art. Half of this is covered with a wooden plaque, which is enhanced by a quote stencil.



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Fabric indicates flexibility and positivity to mend life as per circumstances. So why not add this element by creating beautiful stenciled tapestry style wall hangings?



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Wall hangings can be made by stenciling on objects of any shape and size like a small home. You can also arrange many similar shaped objects in different colors to create a beautiful pattern on the wall.

ix) Wooden Plaques

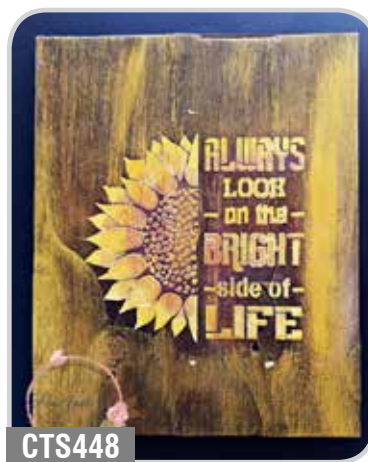
Wood signifies a spiritual connection between people and the divine. In Fengshui, wood represents creativity, birth, innovation. It's a sociable element. Wood is a symbol of life and growth. Wood symbolizes longevity, wisdom, and knowledge. Creating decorations for your living room on a wooden base would thus bring blessings of longevity and divine bearings. Use stenciling on wooden bases of various shapes to create wooden plaque decors for your home.



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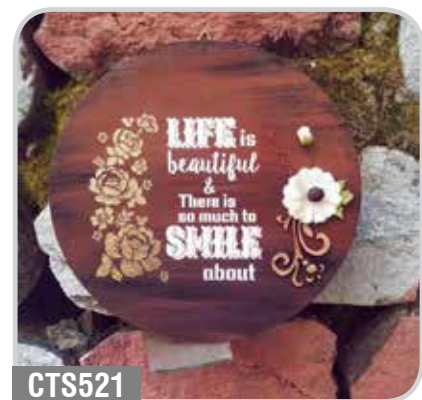
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You can add-on to the bearings of wooden plaques by stenciling positive quotes on them. They give a classy look to the interior space.



Raw tree barks are very rustic and classy for home decor and they make amazing bases for quotes.

Shaped wooden plaques are very popular, as both stenciling and shape together convey a message! Even if you are not a professional musician, a guitar is always the symbol of fashion. It's enchanting, trendy, and most importantly inspirational. On your journey to fulfill your dreams, add some music, and flow with the rhythm. This guitar wall hanging will let you add artistic feel in your home and unleash your hidden creativity.



The bright Macau fridge magnet will bring positive energy and brighten your day!



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The durability of natural wood as the material makes them ideal to decorate outdoor, as wood can withstand extremes of temperature. So why not create a beautiful plaque with the stencil to hang on your door and welcome your guests.



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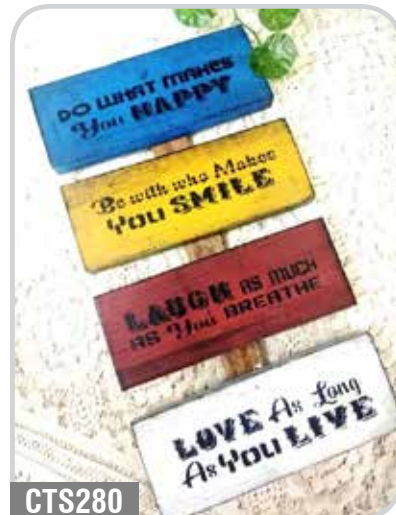


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Need something to remind you of your relationship goals? Are you newlywed and want to keep your wardrobes separate? Or want a gender-specific toilet hanger in your office? These wooden plaques can help you!



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Have you got lots of wood scraps? We have some gorgeous ideas to use them up. A great piece of home decor at literally zero cost. If they are of the same size, you can do something like this.



If the wood scraps are all of different sizes, you can try something like this.



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Any rectangle piece can be converted to a decor piece like this.



If they are in Square shape, Stencil a variety of color-coordinated patterns like this. They never goes out of style and create a great focal point for your room.

x) Flower Vases

The vase decoration ideas will help you create extensive pleasing attractions in every aspect of your home. Have a look at this charming series of flower vases embracing varied emotions.



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Blending a modern look with cultural spirit is what makes your interiors pretty and exceptional. The flower vase comes in a variety of size and shapes and decoration ideas are endless. You can use any style of stencils including folk art stencils, border stencils, background stencils and more.



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Another interesting design comes in the form of a container flower vase. It's not exactly a vase but is as beautiful as any other vase. A simple plain jar can help you nurture beautiful flowers and keep them fresh for long hours. In the same way, a tea kettle or a glass bottle can be used too.

xi) Cushion Covers

Cushions not only add charm to your diwan, sofa sets or any seater, but they also provide comfort to your backs. Most living room decors are incomplete without the addition of a few cushions. Stenciling can help you make designer cushion covers for your living room cushions easily.



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You can use repetitive designs if you want to cover the entire cushion cover.



Or you also just use a large stencil to add a motif in the center of your cushion cover.



You can also create colorful and vibrant cushion covers for your living room with stencils to enhance the positive aura and ambience.

xii) Things Around The Home

Many things around our home (especially those that we use in our living room for utilitarian purposes) are often plain and uninteresting, reducing the charm of the room. How about stylizing them with some stencils?

Candles, Candle Stands, Candle Lid



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As the popular saying by Robert Attinger goes “the darkness of the whole world cannot swallow the glowing candle”, let’s add to the glow of the candles that adorn your home with some stenciling. You can also add mandala designs to candle stands, so they will help you concentrate while making prayers.



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Customize tea light candle holder with some decoupage and stenciling. You may keep changing the design on it, according to the season.



Add another touch of creativity to your candles by stenciling your candle lids.

Baskets



Baskets are multi-purpose storage items. You can use them to store kid's toys, laundry, books, etc. You can use big stencil motif designs or even smaller floral designs to stencil on the baskets.

Yoga mat and water bottles



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B. K. S. Iyengar once said "Yoga does not transform the way we see things. It transforms the person who sees". However, that doesn't mean that you can't stylize your yoga mats. Geometrical designs such as polka dots or stripes go well with yoga mats.

Water is the best natural remedy and you should drink at least 2-3 liters of water every day for better health. Use folk art stencils or background pattern stencils to add design to your water bottles.



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Key Holders



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It's very easy to forget where you kept your keys. Key holders strategically placed near the entrance of the home, can prevent you from losing them. You can use various stencils to create designs on your key holders.

Hangers



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Do you love the idea of family birthday holder for reminding you of their birthdays and storing birthday cards. Do you also love the age old tradition of sending a handmade greeting card for your friends and family?. Then you will love these stencils.



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Isn't it awesome to have a personalized coat hanger for you or a leash hanger for your dog? Alphabet stencils can help you.

Mason Jars and Pickle Jars



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Mason jars can be used to store various items from pens to chocolates or simply used as decorative items in your home. Border or motif designs can be used to beautify mason jars.



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How about adding some extra zing to your pickle jars with stenciling?

Mason Jar Holders



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Mason jars can be used as such or as flower pots or as candle holders or tea light holders or many more purposes. How nice would it be to have a holder for mason jars? Border stencils are perfect to add designs on your mason jar holders.

Letter holders



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Though most communication has become digital these days, we still receive physical mails such as greeting cards, bills, bank statements, etc. You can use various motifs or sentiment stencils to decorate letter holders.

Here is another idea. Use alphabet stencils and print the name of different person on each letter holder. Helps in sorting and searching easily.

Electrical Appliances



Electrical appliances take up some major space in our rooms. It may look boring to see black/white appliances. Instead, stencil them with designs matching to the room decor.

Musical Instruments



Music is the medicine of soul and mind. Why not add some designs to your music instruments like guitars with stencils? You can cover the entire guitar or just add simple designs in some parts of the guitar or the music system.





2. Bed Room Decor

The bedroom is the most private space of a person. Bedroom decor is the most intimate reflection of your personality. You can create a minimalistic or vibrant decor in your bedroom based on your likes.

i) Wall Painting



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How fun it would be to see the stars, the moment you lie down on your bed. Stencil star designs on the ceiling or on the wall next to your bed. Using Glow In The Dark Paints, gives a night sky effect.



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Dream catchers are protective talismans placed above the head post that capture bad dreams in their web and good dreams descend via soft feathers. If you are uncomfortable creating an actual dream catcher, you can stencil a dream catcher design over the head board.

ii) Bedroom Wall Hanging



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Paintings in a bedroom can brighten up your room and boost your mood instantly. Use stencils to create a beautiful painting to adorn the walls of your bedrooms.



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You also create beautiful painting frames for your kid's bedroom with stencils.

You can also create dream catchers using embroidery hoops and stencils which you can hang above the headboard. Even your child can easily make this DIY stenciled wall art and it will give him/her a sense of accomplishment.



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iii) Lampshade and Night Lamp



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Lampshades soften the light and create a pleasing and quite atmosphere to your bedrooms. You can stencil them to go along with your curtains, carpets, bed sheets and pillow covers. You can use floral, polka dots, or any geometrical designs on lampshades.



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Stenciling meaningful quotes on Wall lamps is a new idea!! Lamps come in a variety of shapes and sizes. We can only use the flat surfaced ones for this type of decor. It elevates the look of your room and exudes your personality

iv) Side Tables



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Side tables are often the most neglected piece of furniture in the bedroom in terms of styling. Revamp them with some stenciling and add style to them by matching it according to the furnishings in the room.

v) Pillow Covers



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Aren't the pillows a prominent object in any bed room? Stenciling them can establish the mood of the room and they create the right setting for a peaceful sleep.

vi) Curtains and Blinds



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You can stylize other items in your bedroom such as curtains, blinds, shades, etc. also with stencil designs. Border stencils, geometric stencils will be perfect for these.

vii) Wardrobes



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Wardrobe is a large cupboard, usually equipped with drawers, a mirror, and other devices, used for hanging or storing clothes. When it comes to decorating with stenciling, it is no exception.



3. Kitchen Decor

The kitchen is the heart of the home as the food made in the kitchen is meant to bring the family together. So how can you leave behind the kitchen when stylizing your home? Stencils cannot just be used to decorate items in the kitchen, but it can also be used during cooking especially if you bake cakes and cookies. Let's see how you can beautify your kitchen with stencils.

The stencil designs can be incorporated in the zones of the golden triangle of the kitchen. Stencils are versatile that it can be used in any type of kitchen layout - single wall kitchen, L shape kitchen, U shape kitchen, karallel kitchen or island kitchen

i) Canisters



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Different sizes and shapes of canisters are used in the kitchen to store various ingredients. You can add design using border stencils to revamp your canisters.



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You can also use folk art or floral stencils to decorate kitchen canisters.



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You can also stencil the name of the ingredient on the canister that you intend to store in the box and add some utensil designs too.

If you stencil on ceramic and glass canisters, why can't you do so on a wooden spice box? Stylize your spice box with multiple Moroccan tiles patterns. What a decor element it would be, if you match it with the color of your kitchen!



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ii) Kitchen Tiles



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Have you considered adding stencils to the kitchen tiles like these? Aren't they super fun?

iii) Kitchen Hangings

Won't it be great to create some decor for the kitchen? You can make some positive motivational hangings to hang around your kitchen or design on your mug holders or make fridge magnets with stencils.



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Use stencils to decorate chopping boards to hang in the kitchen as a decorative item.



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You can also use stencils to create beautiful patterns on your mug/utensil hangers.



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Kitchen wall can be adorned with any beautiful kitchen sentiments and they will be a great addition to your display!



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Wall frames are also great decor for your kitchen, especially when they represent your mood and gives motivation to face your life situation.



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Do you love this idea of drilling holes in the plates and hanging on the wall? Wouldn't it be fun to decorate kitchen with items in the kitchen!

iv) Fridge and Fridge Magnet

Fridge is not only a storage space but also a prominent decor in kitchen or dining area. So it definitely needs enhancement and appeal. Why not give it a try to enhance their appearance using stencils?



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Fridge is not only for storage, but also a place to stick reminders, shopping lists, schedule, meal plan and more. If you feel stenciling the Fridge is too much, you can simply choose to stencil the Fridge magnets with Life Quotes!!

v) Cakes and Cookies





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You can't buy happiness but you can buy a cake and that's kind of the same thing. Add some more happiness to your cakes by stenciling some fun designs to them. You can use any background or border design stencil to add design to your cakes.



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If cakes are equivalent to happiness than cookies make the world a better place. So let's decorate (air brush) cookies using stencils and bring more joy to the world.



4. Dining Decor

Now that we have decorated the kitchen and decorated some cakes and cookies, it's time to move on to the dining room to savor the delectable food. Sitting around the dining table and connecting with family and friends over a meal is a blessing in today's fast-paced time. Add some fun to the blessings of dining together by jazzing up your dining room accessories and cutlery with stencils.



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i) Tablemats and Table Runner



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Dining rooms are all about the table and chairs and fondest memories are made when gathered around the table. Add some more spark to those beautiful memories by creating beautiful table mats using stencils. You can use tribal folk art stencils or mandala design stencils to create table mats.



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You can also design your table mats with kitchen and cutlery themed stencils. Not only fabric table mats, even paper doilies can be stylized with stencils.



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How about having a table runner to welcome your guests? And with such words like "cooked with love", the food will be much appreciated by your guests!!

ii) Cutlery and Serving Dishes

Designer cutlery is a huge weakness of all the ladies. However, these designer cutleries often cost you a small fortune. But did you know, you can save all that money spent on designer cutlery with the help of some very reasonably priced stencils and paints? Be it wooden, ceramic, metal or glass cutlery, you can use stencils to design on them.



You could use geometric patterns, kitchen stencils or folk art designs to jazz up the serving trays



How do you like the idea of having stenciling colorful crockery on your table?!



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You can also match your serving dishes with water bottles by stenciling on them with various folk art stencils. Cooking and storing food in terracotta containers is very healthy. Clay is alkaline in nature and it interacts with the acidity in the food, thereby neutralizing the pH balance and eventually making food healthier and a lot tastier. It is believed to provide minerals such as calcium, magnesium, iron, phosphorus and sulphur which are essential for our health and well-being.



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Coffee is said to be the liquid hug for the brain, the booster you need to kick start your day. Add some more warmth to coffee mugs by adding beautiful quirky designs with stencils.



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Make your fruit baskets striking by adding some designs on them with fruit stencils.

iii) Coasters

Do you hate those water droplets that condense on a glass of chilled water or juice and leave a stain on the table mat? Did you know that heat from mugs of hot beverages can cause damage to your dining table wood over the years? Why not protect your table mats from stains or wood from damage by using coasters? Coasters are small mats made out of any material and is placed under beverage glass or mugs.



You can also create beautiful coasters with folk art stencils. You can also stencil on natural wooden slices to make coasters.



And if you are a flower lover, why not stencil floral designs to make fabric coasters for your dining room.

iv) Dining Table Add-ons

Tissue Holder



Tissues are the first thing people reach out after any meal. Tissue boxes and holders have a prominent place on the dining table. Let's add some prettiness to it, by stenciling on them.

Menu Holder



If you host a lot of parties, you can do a fine-looking menu holder like shown. These will show your guests how much you care.

Spoon and Fork Wrap



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You can also create beautiful fork and spoon holders with stencils for occasions like parties, Wedding or Christmas to match the mood/ occasion of the day. You are sure to receive compliments from your guests!

Wall hanging



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Aren't these words so true? "The fondest memories are made, when we are gathered around the table". How about adding a wall hanging in your dining room, saying the same? You will then look forward to your dining time.





5. Outdoor Decor

If we decorate our homes with beautiful stenciled projects, why not beautify our patios and gardens? You can also add some design elements to outdoor decorations such as letterbox, doormats, dog homes, and nameplates.

i) Planters



Have a look at the given picture and see how beautifully a simple water jug has been creatively converted to a plant holder.



Do you enjoy gardening and have lots of plants in your nursery? Well, it's time to add names to your plant pots, so that your visitors don't have to guess the names. Adding names to plant pots is one of the best ways to differentiate between similar-looking plants, like the ones in the picture. Some cute letter stencils can help you to artistically add names to plant pots and make your garden organized.



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Take a look at this amazing plant holder, which is made by reusing old milk containers. A simple bicycle stencil design has completely transformed it into a wonderful plant holder. Besides inviting positive energy, it also brings nature close to oneself.

Not only Milk can, but even your magazine holders can also be converted to planters. With some inspirational quotes, can there be any better decor for a home?



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Hanging planters amplifies the beauty of any place and they can be easily decorated with border or motif stencils.



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Why not add some folk art stencils on your planters? They look awesome on any color of your choice and give a sophisticated look!



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Small plastic or terracotta planters can get an easy makeover with the flowers and leaf stencils.



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Border stencils are no exceptions, when it comes to creating eye-catching planters.

ii) Outdoor Elements



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Kennel

“The world would be a nicer place if everyone could love as unconditionally as a dog – M. K. Clinton”. When we beautify our homes, why not spend some efforts to decorate the home of our pets? You can use animal print stencils or geometric stencils to decorate the Kennel.

Letter Box



Despite the fact that exchange of letters has reduced, we still get a lot of communication via post. Hence, the post box is one of the most utilitarian items that we put up outside our homes. Using nature theme stencils such as floral, leaves, or butterfly on the letterbox, is a great way to blend your letterbox with nature.

Welcome plaque



Greet your friends and family who visit your home with a welcome plaque at the door. You can stencil on the wooden plaque with some sentiments and simple designs. Adding a small planter with a money plant or fresh flowers can add more positivity to your welcome plaques.



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Doormat

Almost everyone places a doormat outside the home and it is probably the first thing everyone notices when they visit our homes. So why use those plain and dull doormats to welcome our guests? Instead you can make designer doormats like in the picture below.

Wreaths

Though wreaths have been used as decorative signs of Christmas for centuries, they can be used as decorations all around the year too as they signify growth, ever-lasting life, strength and eternity. They can adorn any part of our home both indoors and outdoors. When you use wreaths on your main gates, add a blessing to the wreath with the help of stencils. Not only for home, they can also be hung in wedding halls.



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Even though most wreaths are circular, you can create an offbeat wreath in square shape and add stenciling designs directly on the door.



Other outdoor decors

Other outdoor decor such as bench or windowsill can also be beautified using stencils. You can use flourish designs or floral designs or leaf designs like in these images.





6. Office Decor

When you surround yourself with positive people, they encourage you to reach the stars and they help you better achieve your dreams. If positive employees bring you prosperity, you also need to bring positive vibes to your office. Adding some fun elements to day-to-day office items can help you bring positivity in the office. Not only at office, your work stations at home also need these useful decor.

Office Stool



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Have a look at this beautiful table that can make a bold impression on your visitors and clients. The geometric stenciling on the table looks bold yet elegant. As the paint matches the interiors, the overall look of the furniture will get enhanced. It can be used to serve coffee and snacks. They can also be used as laptop tables too.

Motivational Quotes



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What can bring more positivity than actual motivational quotes? You can create motivational frames with quote stencils to decorate the walls or desks of your office. You can also create these motivational frames on wall frames.



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You can also use a writing board as a base to create these motivational quotes like these projects.



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You can also add some simple designs along with quotes to your motivational frames.

Pen Stand



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"If a pen can change the whole world then what can't do a pen stand which binds with the love of different types of pens and pencils – Punam". No office is complete without a pen stand. You can decorate your pen stands with stencils.



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You can take the pen stand decor a notch higher by adding a motivational quote on the pen stands or pen cases like in these images.

File Holder



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Though offices are supposed to be very formal set-up, with file holders being the most formal item in the office, it shouldn't stop you from adding some stenciling design to your file holders. Simple and minimal designs like these can help you decorate file holders at the same time maintaining the formal essence of office.

Tissue Holder



Why buy fancy tissue holders when you can create your own? Use stencils to create stunning tissue paper holders for your office.

Phone Stand



We can do without our wallets when stepping out of our home, but we certainly can't do without a mobile phone. With conference calls becoming the norm of the day, phone stands are finding their way back into office space. Stylize your phone stands with stencils to give them a twist.

Magazine Holder



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Most offices subscribe to magazines to keep in waiting area for the visitors. Want to add some extra impression on your visitors next time, decorate magazine stands with stencils.

Dustbin



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“We use dustbin to throw our waste and useless objects! But, it is very useful for all of us!! – Santosh Shaw”. No office or home can do without a dustbin. Why not stylize those dustbins in the office which are on full display? You can use folk art, mandala or floral stencils to stylize your dustbins.

Suggestion Box



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Office or retail stores, it is always a good practice to know the opinion of everyone. DIY suggestion boxes are easy to make and inexpensive. But the ideas and value they can provide is priceless!

Electronic Items



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Last but not the least, laptops. In this digital age, can you do without one? However, as a standard, laptop covers are plain and boring. Why not use stencils to add some design to stencil covers?



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Got a black hard disk and want to give a feminine look to it? Just add some design with flower stencils.



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Want to decorate that mouse pad with some electronics style stencil? Try it. They sure look cool.





7. Other Rooms

i) Kids Room

What did your room look like when you were a kid? We're guessing not exactly like these colorful, creative, and uber stylish spaces.



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Want to put your child's favorite character? Want your toddler to learn ABC? Or want to include the fairies and mermaids she believes in? Stencils are your saviour to create undeniably cool rooms.

ii) Wash Room



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We spend a lot of time in the bathroom, so give your space the design upgrade it deserves with some easy decor fixes. Especially after Corona times, you need to keep reminding ourselves that you should wash our hands and keep stock of all the daily necessities.

iii) Home Bar



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Convert a corner of any room to craft one-of-a-kind bars that rival commercial spaces, without sacrificing the coziness of a home or the personality of the people who live there. How about adding some happy hour sentiments?

iv) *Make-up Room / Beauty Room*



It's not only a makeup room, it's called a glam room – a room where you can do your makeup, hair, nails, tan, and socialize. The glam room is now a must-have space in any diva's home. It is apt to add beautiful eye wall hanging on a Glam wall.

v) *Craft Room*



Whether you're a DIY enthusiast, an artist or a creative who works from home, or you simply feel like exploring your artistic side during your free time, a dedicated craft room is a game-changer. Indeed, crafting space helps you unwind and hones your creativity. So does having a wall hanging that shows you are a crazy crafter!.





Recycled Items for Decor

Recycling art is creative work that's made from discarded materials that once had another purpose. They are an inexpensive way of creating decor for your home and they really bring out your creative talent. You will be amazed to see that anything can be stenciled to create a decor.



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Check these worn out pancake pans and wooden spatulas getting a second life. Their lifetime got extended and is now used for a different purpose - all with the help of stencils!

An old sizzler plate is now given a glam makeover to adorn the wall! Sizzles even more!



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Do you throw your Youghurt cups/ empty coke cans/paint tins into bin? Dont do it again, because you can covert them into gorgeous planters like these. Courtesy - stencils.



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Do you have some empty liquor bottles at home? Use them to create amazing flower vases! Flowers are nature's beautiful gift. Add stencil designs to flower holders and add beauty to beauty.

You can even convert your Pringles boxes into flower vases like this. You can use part of border stencils or single letters as shown in the image.



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We use a lot of hand sanitizers these days. When they are over, dont throw them away. You can covert them into photo holders like this!! Isn't it a great way to display family photos?

Used up cello tape rolls? Dont throw them away. They can be made in beautiful storage boxes like these! Stencil these pretty ones and even the store brought boxes would envy.



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Do you have old mirrors, that you no longer use to see the face? Then stencil on it and create a modern decor!

Have a baking pan, which is worn out or unused? Mount them on candle stand and convert them to display anything you want like welcome note for your guests, fairy garden, candles, potpourri, aroma lamps, etc . Add border stencil around to enhance its elegance.



Have an unused photo frame? Paint them with Magnetic paste (like from Bo Bunny) and convert them into tool display frame. Very handy when you are working with the tools in your garage. The gear stencil adds a masculine touch to the frame.

When it comes to recycling, stencils can do wonders. With your creativity, you can just turn anything into useful and beautiful decor. Sky is the limit.



Indian Home Decor

Bonus1



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India is a country of great cultural heritage. Irrespective of the religion, we all have a small worship place in our homes. Why not use stencils to decorate the worship corners in our home? You can decorate the walls around the temple using stencils.



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Lord Ganesha is known as "Pratham Poojaya" in Hinduism. i.e. any sort of religious function or pooja we do, we first worship Lord Ganesha. Why not add blessings of Lord Ganesha all through your home by stenciling him on round plates, walls, candle holders, or key holders? Almost all decor in your home can be embellished with Lord Ganesha stencils.



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You can also use Radha-Krishna stencils to decorate serving tray like this.



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Religious concept wall hanging brings about spirituality and serenity to our homes. Canvases, wall plates, wall frames – all of them can be made in different forms and used as decor.



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You can also combine quotes with the divine images or add them directly on the walls to add blessings to the room.



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Rich Indian Heritage is shown by rich colors. The harmonious colors are inspired from beautiful landscapes, exotic spices, Fragrant flowers and a saturated palette is symbolic of confident Indian style. Here is a colorful representation of such style



The symbol of love 'Taj Mahal', is a great wonder. How about adding some of its wonderfulness at your home?

Indian dance forms are very unique and entertaining and the same can be portrayed as a wall frame.





8. Distressed Plaque With Chalk Board Effect

By Mona Diwan

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

This plaque is simple yet elegant to beautify your home. This plaque was made using pretty simple distressing wood technique.



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PRODUCTS USED

- Craftreat Chalk Paints Midnight Black, Shallow Pond, Serene Snowfall, Cantaloupe Crush, Bridal Blush.
- Craftreat stencils "Wonderful Life"
- Designer Frame
- Wax
- Stencil Brush / Roller
- Steel Wool / Sanding Block / Sand Paper
- Ribbon
- Varnish

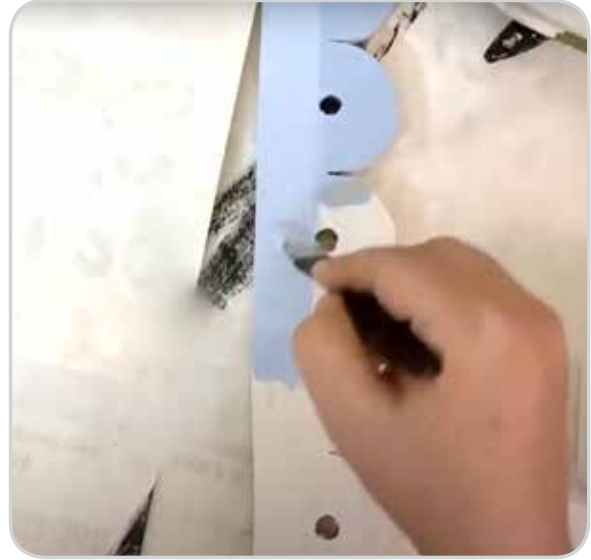
You can view this tutorial as video here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8Xo0vk6VTg&t=1s>

DIRECTIONS

- This plaque is of the size of 17.5" by 14" . You may buy anything available in the market. Separate the base from its frame
- Paint the whole frame and its inner board with serene snowfall chalk paint by Craftreat. Let this layer of paint dry completely. This step is very important.
- Apply wax on the inner board as well as on the outer frame. Apply the wax in the slanting direction on the inner board and on the edges of outer frame. This gives a chalkboard effect.



- Paint the inner board with Midnight Black Chalk Paint and the outer frame with Shallow Pond chalk paint by Crafttreat. Let this second layer of paint dry completely.



- Take steel wool and scratch the top layer of paint from both the inner board and the frame to give the distressed look. The paint peels from the areas where the wax was applied revealing the base colour which was white. The wax acted as the resist for the second layer of paint.



- Finally, Give this plaque some more meaning with sentiment "Life doesn't have to be Perfect to be Wonderful" using Crafttreat Wonderful Life stencil. Use stencil brush or roller



- Apply a layer of varnish to seal the whole project. Take 1" ribbon and pass it through the holes.

Distressed Chalk Board Coffee Bar Station

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PRODUCTS USED

- Craftreat Chalk Paints Midnight Black, Chocolate Chip, Serene Snowfall, Cantaloupe Crush, Bridal Blush.
- Craftreat stencils "Coffee Love"
- Wooden Plaques, L Bracket
- Wax
- Stencil Brush / Roller
- Steel Wool / Sanding Block / Sand Paper
- Varnish

Follow the same steps as the above tutorial. Only the assembly is different.

Assembly

1. Fix the shelf on the plaque using L- bracket. Available in hardware stores/Amazon.
2. Stick the frame on the plaque and affix the hook from behind the panel.

Why Crafttreat for Stenciling?

- Competitively priced and are cheaper than buying readymade Home Decor piece.
- Variety of designs and size to suit all your crafting needs.
- Use with variety of mediums such as paints, inks, texture pastes etc.
- Beautiful designs that will help you overcome the fear of painting freehand.
- High quality material - use the same design over and over again
- Flexible, so they can be used on curved surfaces.
- Translucent, which enables you to see through them. This helps in positioning them correctly and facilitates working in layers.
- Seamless, which means you can paint and cover larger surface without losing continuity.
- Print designs on any surface of your choice including paper, wood, wall, fabric, plastic etc

How to Choose Stencils for your Purpose.

Stenciling has proved to be a boon for those with less artistic skills. However, people are likely found pondering over what sort of stencil they must use for their interior projects. Various simple decoration ideas can be applied in your home or office space. However, you cannot just go with any random stencil design anywhere.

Especially, when you have lots of design and size variations and vast selection in Crafttreat stencils, it could be a daunting task. So for the ease of your selection process, we have broken down various factors, based on which you can choose designs.

1. Place of Use

Stencil is a versatile tool; it can be used in any room, any object, any surface and literally on anything. Do you want them on your paper weight in office or corner table in living room, hanging lamps in bedroom, dinnerware in dining room, tiles in kitchen, instructions for your laundry room? or literally anywhere you could imagine!!

So the first step is to decide which place it is going to be used.

2. Purpose of Use

The next step is to decide why you want that place/thing to be stenciled. Will the stencil be used as focal point of living room? Will it be used on canisters to identify what is inside them? Will it be used for inspiration quotes? Will it be used to remodel your furniture? Will it be used to craft along with your kids? There are so many uses a stencil can have and you need to pick and choose designs based on that.

3. Time Available for DIY

Though you may have inclination towards DIY, you may not have enough time to craft. If you are passionate about giving your home a facelift by DIY, you need to choose designs that will be easier and faster to stencil. Go for the bold designs rather than intricate ones. Intricate designs need more touch up and corrections and they will take longer to finish.

4. Design

In the plethora of stencil styles and designs, it is really difficult for you to check the right style you want to use in your interiors. So, the easiest way is to check the theme or concept of the interior space.

Do you want to make it modern, contemporary, vintage, shabby chic, minimalist, traditional, rustic, Bohemian, etc. So there are particular designs that will go only with a particular theme or concept. For example, a colorful dream catcher will go well with the Bohemian concept. Paisley design will go well with an Indian decor.

5. Price

Stencils are very reasonably priced item for home decor. But if you are still budget conscious, you can find different purposes to use them again and again. Choosing a common floral or geometric design, will offer you the possibility of reusing it in different places.

6. Size

Crafttreat stencils come in 5 sizes: 3"x12", 4"x8", 6"x6", 8.5" x12" and 12"x12". If you are confused which ones to choose, Refer the below guide and go over the various factors said above. You will narrow down your search and can pick up what you like.

Choose your stencil Size

	6" x 6"	12" x 12"	3" x 12"	A4	4" x 8"
Purpose / Usage					
Cards/Scrapbooks	✓	✓			✓
Floor/Wall/Tile	✓	✓		✓	
Furniture	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cake / Cookie	✓		✓		
Mixed Media	✓			✓	✓
Home Decor	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Canvas Art	✓	✓		✓	✓
Dress / Accessories	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gift Wrapping	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Have fun going through all the designs we have. Choose what you want, based on your requirements and enjoy crafting!

If you are impressed with the contents of this book and want to try out your favorite techniques, then you know what to do!! **Click on the link in each image** to buy it directly from website and get creative!.


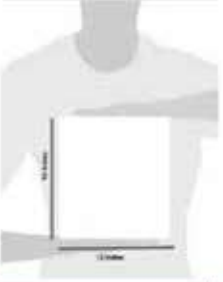
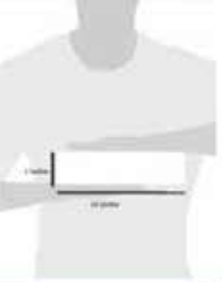

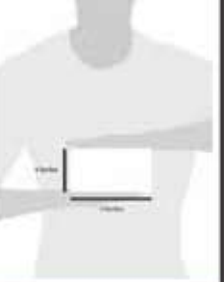
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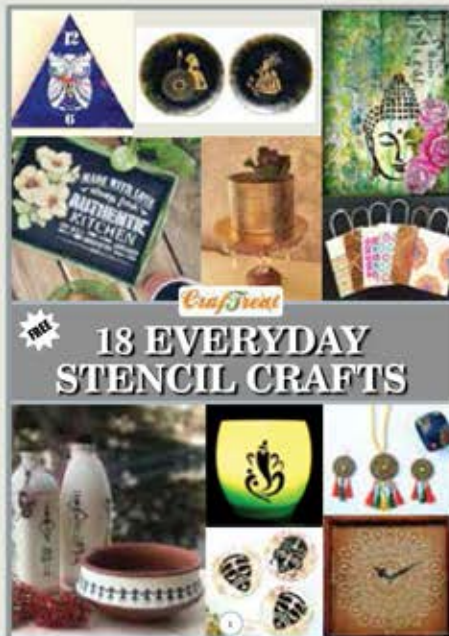
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