

Home Organization Center

ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape and a little bit of paint can go a long way toward helping you manage your busy lifestyle. With three activity boards and a few finishing touches, you'll have everything you need to keep your household running smoothly.



Tools



ScotchBlue[™] Painter's Tape for Delicate Surfaces

- Whiteboard, Magnetic, and Chalkboard paints
- Colored paints for magnet board and borders
- Paint brushes

- Laser/bubble level
- Tape measure
- Drop cloth

Preparation

Determine how you want to lay out your activity boards. Sketch your ideas on paper, to get a sense of measurement and to try different border sizes. Wipe down the wall to make sure it's clean and dust free. Paint the wall with a basecoat and let it dry for 24 hours.

Step-By-Step Guide:



Using ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape for Delicate Surfaces and a tape measure, mask the square area of each activity board. Add borders to the outer edges as well as in between each activity board.



Paint the magnet board area following the manufacturer instructions. Allow the paint to dry, then apply a top coat of color and gently remove the tape.



Paint your calendar area with the chalkboard paint following the manufacturer instructions.

Carefully remove the tape and allow the paint to dry 24 hours.

Measure and tape your calendar grid. Then paint your grid lines, and gently remove the tape before the paint is completely dry.

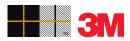


Paint your whiteboard area following the manufacturer instructions, and remove the tape before the paint is completely dry.

Finish by painting your borders.

Additional Ideas

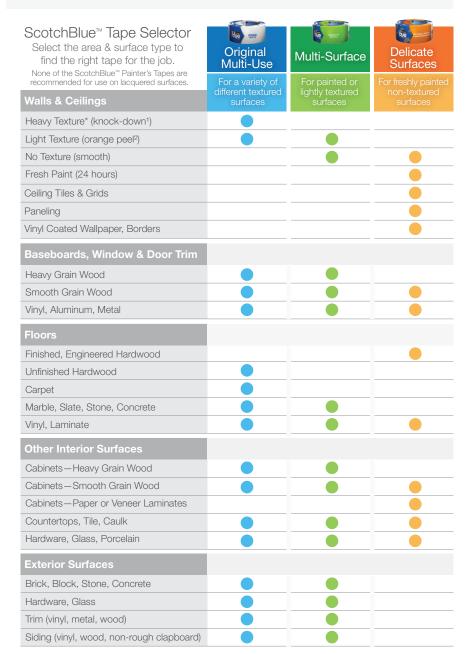
- Add a wooden rail under the activity board to hold cups of markers, chalks, and magnets.
- Add bins and shelving underneath your activity center to store items related to your household's activities.
- For best results, always follow the paint manufacturer's instructions regarding recoat and dry times.





The Right Tape for the Job

Good masking is the key to clean, professional paint lines. ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tapes are specially designed for optimum performance when used correctly. For an extra edge, look for tapes with Edge-Lock™ Paint Line Protector. This advanced technology helps keep paint out and produces super sharp lines for brilliant looks and unlimited ways to transform your space.



- *Once you select a tape, please test compatibility before use, as results may vary.
- 1 Knock-down is a drywall finishing technique in which the surface is mottled with watered-down joint compound
- 2 Orange peel is a bumpy, textured surface resembling that of an orange peel
- Find additional painting techniques and learn more about masking a variety of surfaces at ScotchBlue.com.



Tape Tips



Get Extra Sharp Lines Seal your tape edges with a thin layer of base coat paint. This prevents seepage and gives you extra sharp, professional paint lines.



Don't Stretch It
When masking any surface,
pull tape off the roll a few feet
at a time. Avoid stretching the
tape, as this can cause it to lift
up or break.



Seal Tapes Edges
Use a flexible putty knife or
5-in-1 tool to press down the
edges of your tape. This helps
the tape adhere better, so you
can get sharper paint lines.



Score When Removing
Remove tape at a 90-degree
angle. To prevent paint lift, use
a sharp tool to gently "score"
or cut along the tape edge.

Construction and Home Improvement Markets Division

3M Center, Building 223-4S-02 St. Paul, MN 55144-1000 1-800-494-3552 ScotchBlue.com 70-0713-4227-6 3M, ScotchBlue, Edge-Lock, the Plaid Design and the BLUE color of the tape are trademarks of 3M.

Printed in U.S.A. ©3M 2012

