



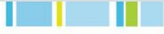
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## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

### Stencil Painting a Damask Design Blind

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#### Requirements

- Damask stencil.
- Masking tape or low tack prepositional spray.
- Celedan Green paint stick (or the colour of your choice)
- 1 stencil brush
- 1 Blind
- Plastic plate to use as a palette.
- Measuring tape, pencil and spirit level (optional).

#### Instructions

##### **Step 1:**

The key to stenciling your blind successfully begins in the preparation work.

Hang the blind in situ to determine the drop and where you would like your first "full" Damask pattern to begin from. It is important to be happy with your starting point because, this will become the focal point of your art work when the blind is down.

##### **Step 2:**

Once you have determined your starting point, lay the blind on a work table.

Using your tape measure and a pencil lightly mark the position of your first Damask.

Ideally this will be center equal distance from both sides and a pre-determined distance from the bottom bar of the blind. You can begin stenciling now.

##### **Step 3:**

Spray the back of the stencil or use masking tape.

Open the paint stick & transfer some paint onto your palette with a rubbing motion. Pick up the paint with a clean brush. Using a circular motion, stencil through each element of the design. Until the desired level of colour is achieved.

Try not to over apply, to avoid smudging. When you are done carefully remove the stencil.

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### Step 4:

Now carefully using the repeat element in the Damask stencil, place the repeat on top of the previously stencilled element. This will either be below the original pattern to the left or right or above. It won't matter which direction you choose to enlarge the design. But once you decide stick to the same direction clock-wise or anti clock-wise. Keep your hands and equipment clean so you don't mess up your work.

### Step 5:

Once you have repeated your design four times around the first centred image, you should now have five completed Damask images, with a "wallpaper" effect that you're looking for. Continue to "grow" your artwork from the repeats on the corners until you have completed the entire Damask design.

### Step 6:

You can never be sure how long paint will take to dry, due to different manufacturers. But the general rule is the longer the better. After three days place a blank piece of paper over your work and roll up the blind. Hang the blind and roll out the blind to allow it to dry completely, for as long as possible.



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