



## How to Use Stripes to Add Visual Interest to Any Room

Stripes are very fashionable in home décor today. With their clean lines and range of color possibilities, they add a sleek touch to any style.

Vertical stripes create the perception of height, which can make a room seem taller, while horizontal stripes create the perception of length or width thus making a room look larger.

In this room, we used a localized stripe design to create a work area within a bedroom.

The first step is to select a palette of paint colors for your stripes and the basecoat of the wall on which you'll be painting them. These are the colors we used in this room:

Walls & Trim: *floral white (OC-29)*

Stripes: *soft chinchilla (2135-50)*, *delightful golden (2158-30)*, *iron mountain (2134-30)*, *hampton green (2150-50)*

Here are the steps we followed:

1. Paint the wall with *floral white (OC-29)* and allow to dry.
2. Determine the widths of the stripes and draw the overall design out on paper or on computer illustration software.
3. Apply tape vertically on the wall. (Use high-quality painter's tape to prevent the paint from peeling off when it's removed.)
4. Eye ball or use a level to ensure the lines are even.
5. Apply the paint, using a small roller and tray set for each color. Start with the widest stripe and end with the narrowest. Two coats are often necessary to achieve the maximum depth of color.