

## Painted Wall Quilt

If you love the look of a quilt on the wall but are not handy with a needle and thread, you can *paint* a quilt on the wall—with no sewing involved. The easiest quilt design to paint uses stripes or squares or triangles or any combination of the three. Here are directions for a center diamond quilt. Of course, you can design your own quilt or use other quilt designs. Traditional Amish quilts are beautiful geometric designs and a great resource for painted quilts. Use your own color scheme and you will have a one-of-a-kind piece of art.



*A simple geometric design painted on the wall is an inexpensive way to add custom artwork to your decor. You can finish the quilt quilt in one evening—paint one color at a time and allow to dry before adding additional colors.*

## Materials Needed:

(finished size: 46 inches square)

- paintbrushes, 1½ inches wide
- painter's masking tape
- latex or craft paints in colors of your choice (use the best quality craft paints)
- pencil
- level

## Directions:

1. With a light pencil and a level, draw a 46-inch square on your wall. This square is the perimeter of your wall quilt.
2. Then draw an 8-inch border inside the perimeter of the quilt. Extend the line into the corners to create 8-inch corner squares.
3. Draw another border inside the first border, 4 inches wide, again with corner squares.

4. Inside the center square, draw a square on point—that is, a diamond—by marking the halfway point of each side and connecting the marks.

5. Assign the colors to each section of your quilt.
  - A- square 46"
  - B- 8" borders, light blue
  - C- 8" squares, dark blue
  - D- 4" inside borders, dark blue
  - E- 4" squares, yellow

6. Carefully mask off the outside edges of the first colors to be painted with painter's tape. With your fingernail, press the edges of the tape tightly to the wall to prevent paint from seeping into adjoining areas.
7. Paint one color at a time. Apply the first color of paint. Remove the tape and allow the paint to dry completely.
8. Repeat the process with the additional colors.

