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Moroccan-Inspired Bench Makeover

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Painter's tape can revive an old, rustic bench

My father built this bench 60 years ago, and when it came time to give it up, I couldn't part with it. My dilemma was that it was plain, old and worn down. My solution was to bring this rustic bench back to life with some Moroccan spice. I used ScotchBlue™ Tape to create perfect, straight lines for my Moroccan pattern, and I couldn't be happier with the results!

Supply List:

- ScotchBlue[™] Painter's Tape
- Sander and sandpaper
- Wood filler
- Primer
- Interior/exterior paint, white satin
- Interior/exterior paint, yellow high gloss

- Paintbrushes
- Straightedge craft blade
- Ruler or tape measure
- Cardboard
- Scissors

Step 1

It is extremely important to prep the table before painting. Give the table a good sanding and fill any voids with wood filler.

Next, start with a coat of good primer, followed by TWO coats of white satin interior/exterior paint.







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Step 2

Next comes the ScotchBlue[™] Tape. Start by running a section of tape from corner to the edge and down the apron creating a 45-degree angle.

Apply more tape to create a lattice effect, making sure that the white squares between the tape strips are SQUARE. This is imperative!

Using a square cutout or paint chips, make a template of the center square. Then turn the paper square 45 degrees to the lattice squares and apply lengths of tape running down all four sides.

Step 3

Soon you will start to see the pattern appear. Use your craft blade to cut out the horizontal and vertical sections of the tape to create plus signs. To make the eight-pointed stars, use your square/paint chip template to cut out the points of each of the octagons.

Finally, you are ready to paint! Use a paintbrush to paint two coats, brushing away from the tape.

Remove the tape to find a perfect Moroccan pattern!

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