

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Four Great Decorating Styles—
Is One Perfect for You?

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*Brush on decorating magic—
stencil a floor, stripe a wall, put pattern on upholstery*

A new decorating fever has hit the country. It's the rage to paint—and here we show you all the terrific ways you can use it to stencil a floor, print a fabric or brighten a corner. Designer Ann Lind Bowers created

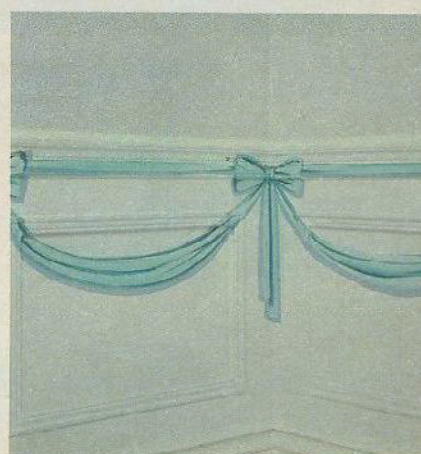
this romantic look (*opposite*) by stenciling the floor with do-it-yourself tracing paper patterns. She brushed in the design with acrylic paint, coated it with polyurethane. Room from the Mansion in May Showcase, Mendham, N.J.▶



Tie up your decorating scheme by painting accent art. A bow on the floor, for example, adds a fantasy. This and the next two works are by Caryl Hall and David Cohn. Room design by Betty Barbatsuly.



Trompe l'oeil is always a delight. To brighten a corner, try adding a fan—this open design actually rests on the ceiling, while the ribbons flutter against the walls. The placement gives the art a three-dimensional look.



Dress up a plain molding. Here, bows like these make use of architectural elements. All treatments on this page are from the Long Island Designers Showcase at Woodlands.

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