

# so sophisticated!

For decades stencilling has been boring and uninspiring, but now it's time to show the new, trendy way to add unique wall effects.

If you've ever watched one of the Debbie Travis home makeover programmes on The Home Channel (DSTV 182), you will know how easy it is to create unique wall effects in your home. With some Mylar (acetate) sheeting, a craft knife, spray-on adhesive and paint, you can create the perfect feature wall.

*LEFT: A stencilled pattern on a main wall is a great way of bringing pattern to a modern decorating scheme, and creates a unique feature.*



## Here's how:

1. Draw or copy a design onto a sheet of paper. You will need a craft board, or piece of scrap wood, to work on. Position the Mylar (acrylic) sheet over your drawn design and use a sharp craft knife to cut out.
2. To create a random pattern you may need to create to different designs that you can position to build up as much or as little pattern as you like.
3. Spray the back of the stencil with spray-on adhesive and apply this to the wall, making sure that it is firmly stuck into position.
4. Use a stiff stencil brush in soft, circular strokes to build up your paint in layers, moving the stencil along as each coat of paint dries, until you achieve the desired effect.

**TIP: Start at the top of the wall and build up the pattern, continuing downwards and making some trails longer than others for a natural, hanging effect.**

