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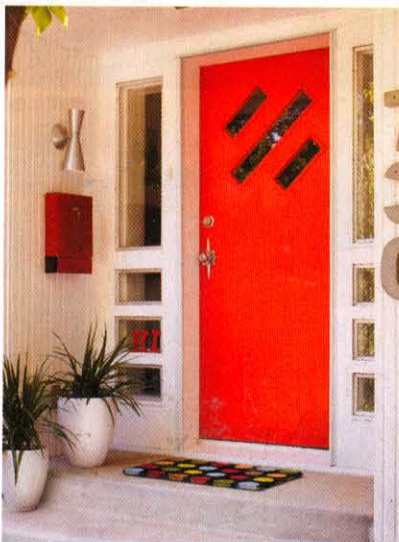
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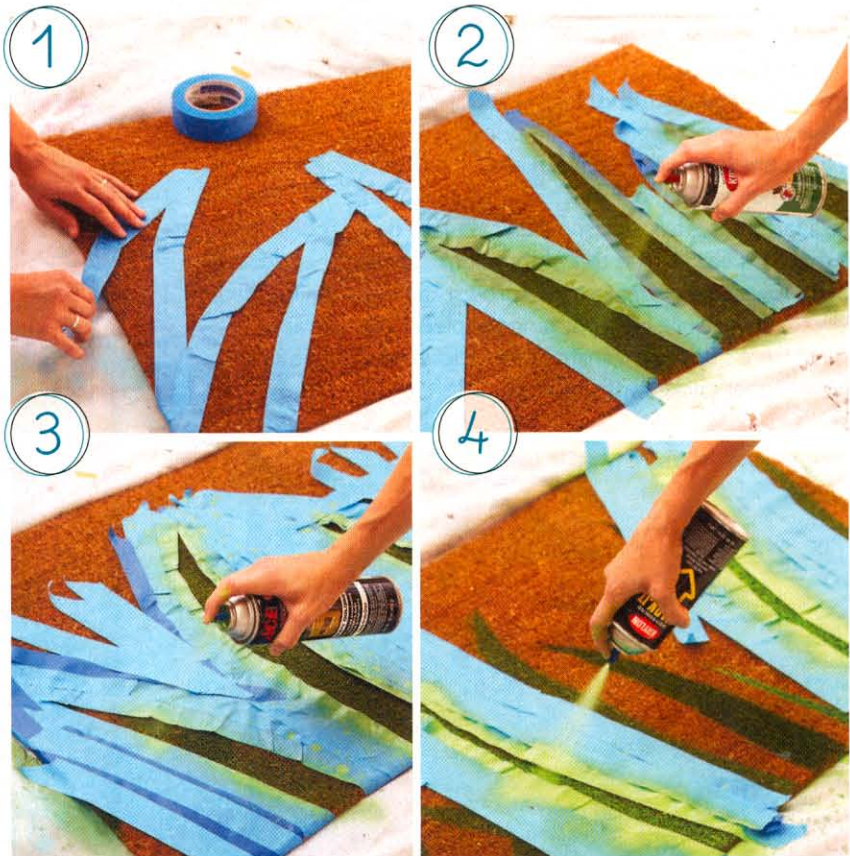
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how to

# paint a doormat

Dress your porch in custom fashion—no special skills required. This project is as easy as tape, paint, and repeat.



**Step One** Set unpainted doormat on a flat surface protected with a drop cloth. Be sure the area is well-ventilated. Using 2-inch masking tape, create the first layer of grass designs. Press the tape down firmly to keep paint lines crisp.

**Step Two** Choose a hue of green (we started with the darkest of our three) and paint inside the “stencil” following manufacturer instructions.

Let dry. Because the mat’s fibers might absorb paint, you may need to add a second coat. Let dry. Remove tape.

**Step Three** Tape off the second layer of grass blades, varying the direction, curvature, and width to create dimension. Cover exposed areas with tape to protect from overspray. Paint a second shade of green, once again following manufacturer instructions. Let dry.

Repeat if necessary. Remove tape.

**Step Four** Determine the placement and design of the final blades of grass. Cover exposed areas with tape to protect from overspray. We chose our brightest shade for the final layer. Paint; let dry. Repeat if necessary. Remove tape.

## DOORMAT AND PAINT

TrafficMaster Beige mat, \$9, Home Depot; [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)  
Colormaster Enamel paint in Ivy Leaf, Emerald Green, Hunter Green, \$9 each, Krylon; [krylon.com](http://krylon.com)

**MAILBOX** White mailbox with leatherette finish, \$15, Crestview Doors; [crestviewdoors.com](http://crestviewdoors.com)

**PLANTER** Home Decorators Collection 19½-inch Artstone resin Napa black tall planter, \$44, Home Depot; [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)

**DOOR WRAP** Printed and installed, \$6/square foot, Graffiti Graphics; [graffitigrffics.com](http://graffitigrffics.com)

**DOOR HANDLE** Plymouth lockset in brushed nickel, \$160, Schlage lock, Strauss; [strausslock.com](http://strausslock.com)

**MAILBOX** Shelton Streamline mailbox in Burnished Antique finish, \$300, Rejuvenation; [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com)

**SCONCE** Steam Punk outdoor wall lantern in Darkened Copper, \$299, Shades of Light; [shadesoflight.com](http://shadesoflight.com)

**LOCKSET** Addison plate with Latitude lever, \$55–\$120, Schlage lock, Strauss; [strausslock.com](http://strausslock.com)

**HOUSE NUMBERS** Traditionalist collection in black, \$22 each, Atlas; [atlashomewares.com](http://atlashomewares.com)

**DOORMAT** Jacobean doormat, \$30, Pier 1 Imports; [pier1.com](http://pier1.com)

**LETTERS AND PAINT** Artminds small white wood letters, \$3, and Krylon Short Cuts aerosol paint, \$3–\$5, Michaels; [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)

**SCONCE** Spektr midcentury modern wall bracket in Bronzestone (opposite); brushed-aluminum finish on page 35), \$205, Rejuvenation; [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com)

**DOORMAT** Dots in Color doormat, \$40, Home Depot; [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)

**DOOR HANDLE** Atlas exterior door set, C2755, \$265, Rejuvenation; [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com)

**HOUSE NUMBER** Custom concrete 10-inch number, \$75 each, The Finished Edge, LLC; [thefinishededge.com](http://thefinishededge.com)