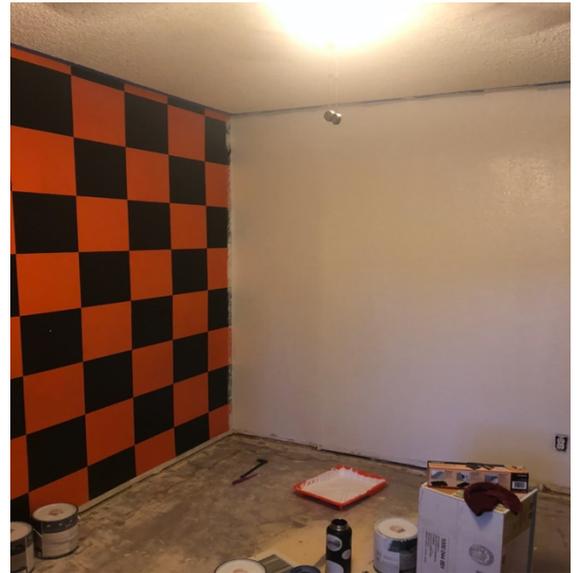


# Easy DIY Home Improvement During Quarantine

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As America faces the novel Coronavirus and states have issued stay at home orders, we have all grappled with what to do besides binge watching 'The Office' and Netflix's 'Tiger King'. Many have taken to improving their spaces by doing DIY projects. While we are encouraged to stay at home and only go out for the essentials, you can easily order the items you need through Amazon and have them shipped directly to you.

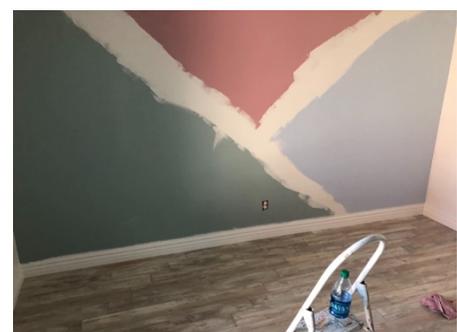
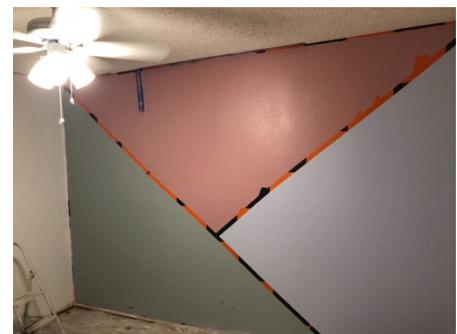
Recently, my daughter decided she needed a new look for her bedroom. Being the family handyman, I decided I would take on the task of turning her room from a Harley Davidson theme to a modern pink and gold architectural look. You can easily get the supplies you need for a project like this on Amazon.com. Here are the items I used to complete this project:



Purdy Paint Brush- \$14.98 on Amazon.com  
Blue 3mm Painters Tape- \$5.67 on Amazon.com  
Dap Latex Caulking- \$2.56 on Amazon.com  
Pink, Green, Blue, and Gold Paint- Home Depot or Lowes  
Home Improvement Stores

Directions:

1. Start by priming the wall or when you do choose your colors use primer/paint mixture.
2. With your chalk line, make shapes on your wall that are bold and geometric. In this example, my daughter chose triangles she saw on Pinterest.



3. Since I knew she wanted a gold outline, I was safe to paint the majority of the shapes up to the chalk line.
4. Once I had the shapes defined, I had to prime the area where the gold was going.
5. To make the gold lines, create the edges with the blue 3m tape. Then on the inside edge of where the gold id going, run a small bead of caulking, put it into the tape to seal the line. Wipe it gently with a wet cloth but do not remove all of the caulking.
6. The next hour is critical to paint the gold, if you move too slow, the caulking and paint will bond and peel if it dries to fast. Remove the tape immediately after doing last coat of gold.
7. After the gold dries, you can mask over it with the blue tape and paint your other colors. I recommend caulking this edge as well, the goal is to create the sharp line with gold and other colors.

