

Decorator's Notebook

Painting Projects To Add To A Home's Character

(NAPSA)—Decorators say every home has an area or an item that can become a work of art. To bring out the best in your home, you may want to brush up on a technique called faux painting. Faux painting requires basic tools such as brushes, rags and sponges to create a textured look on surfaces. Here are a few simple faux painting projects:

- **Stripe it up**—All you need is a straight edge, a can of your favorite color paint, a paintbrush and painter's tape to liven up your walls. A good tape to try is Duck® brand's Perfect Release™ because it removes easily from walls without ruining their surface. Start by applying the tape in straight, vertical lines using the straight edge. Space the lines as far apart as desired. Cover the wall and tape with the paint. After the paint is applied but before it is cured, pull the edges of the tape at a 90-degree angle and slowly remove it. The result: clean, sleek lines.

- **Save your seat**—Personalize your chairs and add pizzazz to your sitting area with a rag and a can of paint. Crumble up the rag and dip it into the paint. Using your own pattern, dab the paint-covered rag all over the chair. This adds texture and style.

- **Swing into style**—Add color to your French doors with a technique called dragging. You will need a brush, a can of paint and tape to mask off the glass windows on the door. Duck brand Quick Corners for Windows™ is designed to fit into the corners of windows and keep the paint from getting on the glass. That helps make clean-up easier. Once the windows are protected, dip the brush into the paint and with



“Faux painting” can add a new look to most any room.

light, wispy strokes, cover the surrounding wood.

- **Show yourself on your shelf**—Personalize your shelves by adding a touch of creativity. Sponging is ideal for this project. All you need is a clean sponge and paint. Dab the sponge into the paint and rhythmically spot the shelf until it's to your liking. You can use other household items—such as bubble wrap or jars—to create a similar look.

Once you begin painting around the house, chances are your ideas will flourish and you will find the appropriate style for you and your family. For more information, visit www.duckproducts.com or call 800-321-0253.