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EASY

QUICK
PROJECT GUIDE
Hard labour 2/10
Skill level 2/10
Time needed 1 day



Paint squares for a whole new look!

Jazz up a rug

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You will need

SHOPPING LIST

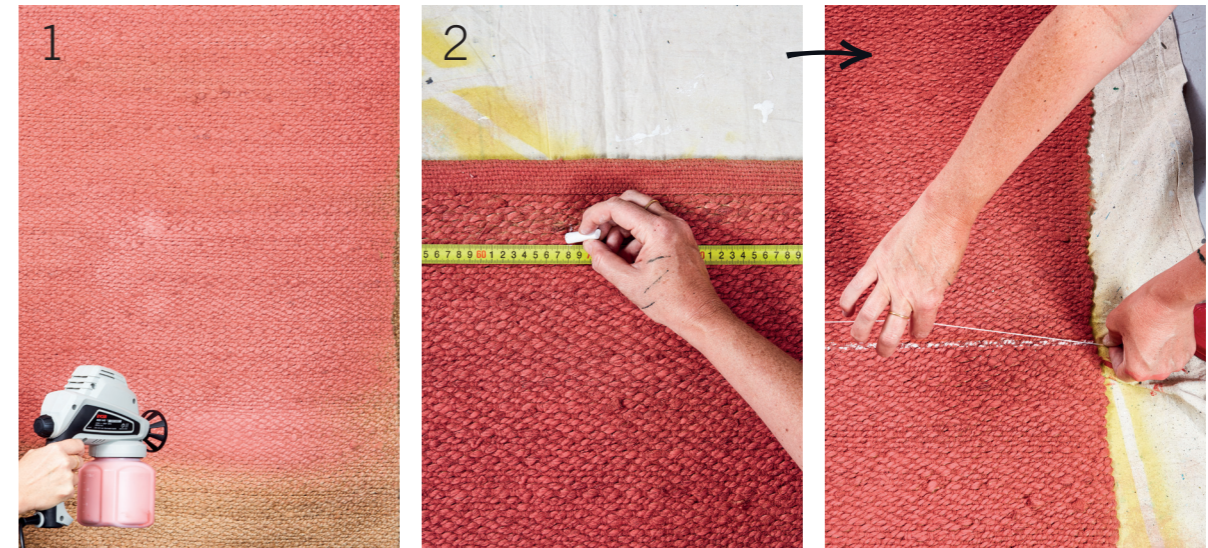
- chalk paint in various colours

TOOLS

- spray gun • paintbrushes
- measuring tape • chalk line
- (or chalk and a straightedge)



Get started...



1 Dilute your chalk paint with 10% water, or until it's thin enough to run through your spray gun. Use the spray gun to apply two coats of chalk paint to your rug. We used the colour Holiday's Coral from Tjhoko Paint. **Tip** Consult your gun's instructions to make sure your paint is the right consistency.

2 Measure and mark large squares or rectangles on your rug. Use a chalk line or chalk and straightedge to draw the shapes.



3 Paint every other block in a different colour chalk paint; use any leftover chalk paint you have. Dilute it a little with water to make it spread easier, if necessary.



[HOW TO USE CHALK PAINT IN A SPRAY GUN]

Dieter Seyfferdt of Brits in North West builds furniture, decorates shops - and is a spray paint specialist. He prefers Tjhoko Paint "because it dilutes easily and sprays evenly". Here are his tips for spraying with chalk paint:

- If you are spraying a furniture piece, clean the item thoroughly with lacquer thinners before you start.
- I dilute my chalk paint with about 20% water and first test on a wood offcut to see if the flow is right - if not, I add a little more water.

- With chalk paint, I prefer to spray two thin coats, instead of one thick coat, to prevent the paint from running. This also ensures that the entire surface is covered.
 - I use an oil-free compressor as it makes significantly less noise.
 - If it's windy, hang up a plastic sheet so that the paint doesn't end up on other items such as your vehicle. 🏠
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