

ALL LIVED UP

INSTANTLY ELONGATING AND EFFORTLESSLY ELEGANT, STRIPES HAVE BEEN A WARDROBE STAPLE SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. PAINTING THEM ON WALLS (OR CEILINGS OR MILLWORK OR EVEN FLOORS) CAN CREATE A SIMILAR EFFECT, DRAWING EYES TO ALL THE RIGHT PLACES—AND HIDING A FEW FLAWS ALONG THE WAY. THINK MINIMUM FUSS, MAXIMUM IMPACT.

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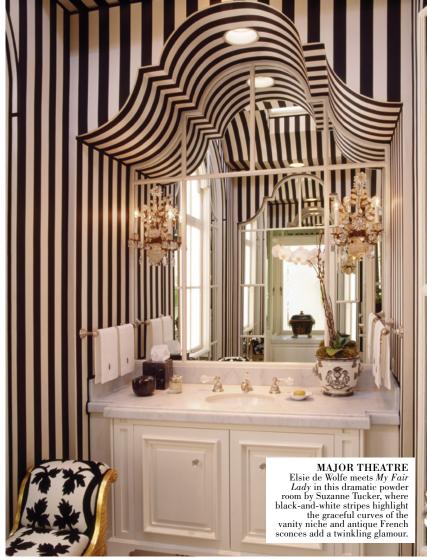














GETTING IT STRAIGHT

WHILE STRIPES MIGHT SEEM SIMPLE—PAINT YOUR WALL IN THE LIGHTER COLOR, MEASURE, MARK, TAPE, APPLY THE DARKER HUE—THE STRAIGHTFORWARD PATTERN CAN BE TRICKY TO MASTER. WE ASKED DECORATIVE ARTIST AGUSTIN HURTADO OF CHANGO BROOKLYN (A.K.A. THE PAINTER THAT MILES REDD AND NICK OLSEN KEEP ON SPEED DIAL) TO SHARE HIS TIPS.

2. Start From the Center
Despite appearances, most walls aren't completely straight,
says Hurtado. To account for any variance, he begins marking
stripes from the center of a wall and works outward, fudging
the distances as needed to make the final result look consistent.

5. Mix Up the Finishes
To create extra depth, especially when working with hues
that are more similar in tone, consider alternating two different
paint sheens. "We've also done stripes on Venetian plaster and then
polished only one color," Hurtado says. "It looks incredibly elegant."