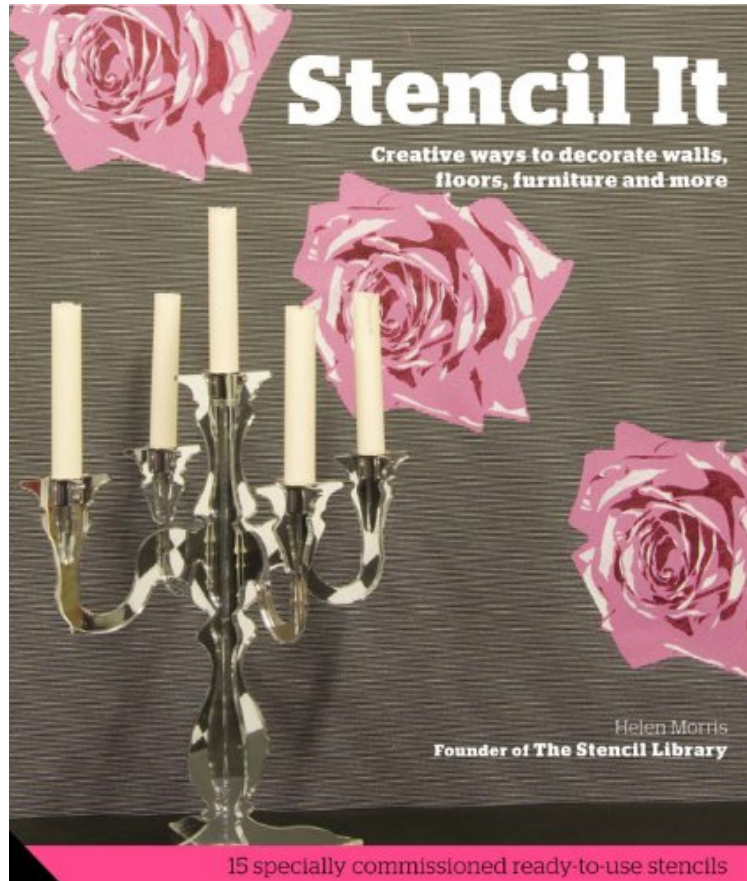


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Helen Morris : Stencil It: 101 Ideas to Decorate Your Home before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stencil It: 101 Ideas to Decorate Your Home:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. It says it has usable stencils in the book...that's debatableBy Thornn JonesWhile the book itself is lovely to look at and does have several examples with instructions I purchased it for the several full size removable stencils in it. While it didnt expect the stencils to be the same heavy duty plastic ones you can but indivually , I did expect to be able to actually use them with ya know, paint. These are just light weight card stock with a light plastic coating on them. The first time I used one the water in my acrylic paint seeped under the plastic costing and started breaking down the cardboard underneath. I very much doubt you could actually use one to stencil and entire wall as is shown in one of the examples. I don't know maybe I was expected to trace them onto heavy plastic before using them? I sure didnt see anything in the instructions but I admit I didn't look too hard as again, I was believing them to be actual, usable STENCILS.So far I have used a few of the designs in my art journals but have to baby them and don't think I will be able to use each design more than a few times before the moisture in my paints totally destroy them.As for the samples in the book, they're ok for beginners but nothing innovative.Tl;dr:

Not an expensive book with a few interesting lightweight stencils you can use if you are very careful about the medium you apply over them. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. *betty cooper* By *betty* This book would be a great resource for both beginners and experienced stencilers. It contains a nice collection of fresh new designs, with fifteen of them set right into the book, pre-cut and ready to use. The "how to" sections are clearly written and well illustrated. One very helpful lesson details the steps needed to enlarge any small motif into a trendy, oversized, wall stencil. The most important feature of any craft book is the "inspiration" it provides, and this book has it. There are dozens of great applications shown, from embossed stationary to needlepoint canvas, and the designs are shown in a variety of colorways, from subtle to bold. I loved Helen Morris' previous book, with its' magnificent photography and fantasy rooms. This book is more practical in tone, and would be a perfect starting point for a novice. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is a great guide for newbies By *Customer* This book is a great guide for newbies. The instructions are clear and easy to understand. There's also tons of ideas to play around with and for all different types of tastes. I highly recommend this book!

'Stencil It' is a celebration of the virtually limitless decorative potential of a fabulously creative craft form. Helen Morris, one of the founders of internationally renowned company The Stencil Library, reveals her favourite ideas for stencilling anything in your home.

'Demonstrates quick and affordable ways to bring pattern and colour into your home.' *Craft Focus* magazine 'Lots of lovely ideas' *Patchworkharmony.blogspot.com* About the Author Helen Morris founded the Stencil Library in 1988, when she recognised a gap in the home-decorating market for the type of stencils that her husband Michael Chippendale, a graphic designer, made and used in his work. Since its launch, The Stencil Library has built an international reputation and an impressive catalogue of more than 4000 stencil designs, offering a wide range of global, historical and contemporary decorative styles. The company regularly creates new collections to reflect public demand. It also produces bespoke designs and has cut stencils for royalty, politicians and celebrity clients. Helen and Michael run their business from their home, Stocksfield Hall, in Northumberland. A showcase for their work, the house is frequently featured in magazines and on television, and is open to the public occasionally. The Stencil Library blog (www.designinspiration.typepad.com) was launched in 2007, to provide inspiration and information about stencil-related decoration along with the more photogenic aspects of life at The Stencil Library.