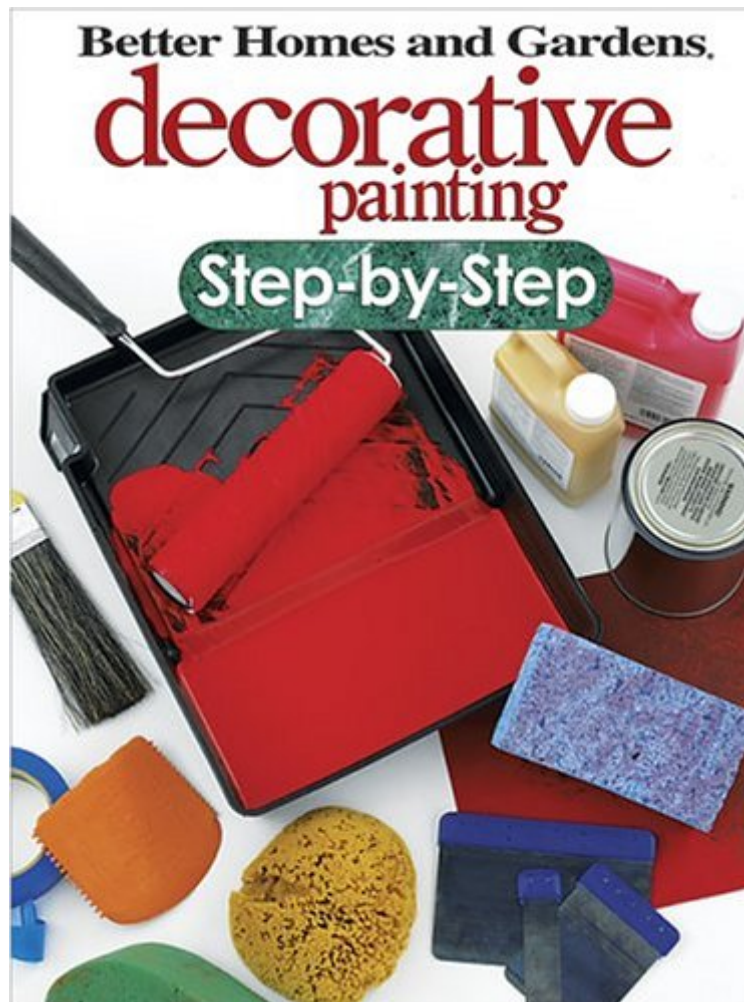


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Champagne Taste on a Beer BudgetBy Laurel L. ShawI'm so happy that I purchased the book " Decorative Painting- Step by Step". I'd been wanting to change our bedroom from country cottage to luxurious retreat- but on the cheap! I thought the price of this book was too good to be true(under \$5? Amazing!)so I expected to get a little pamphlet or something. I was so wrong! This book is chock a block full of so many creative ideas,with everything clearly explained, and the photos are so colorful! Anyone trying the techniques in this book would save time money too.I was interested in stenciling my bedroom- and I don't mean stenciling a border around the top of my room-that's so eighties! I bought a gorgeous bedroom set (on sale of course!)- very opulent with several fancy fringy pillows -fit for the queen that I am! It has a light aqua background with chocolate brown scrolls

all over it. Then I bought a three set of 8 X 10 sheets of mylar that you can see through. You can get them at most craft stores. Then I placed the mylar on top of one of the scrolly designs on the bedspread (tape it with painter's tape), traced the design with a sharpie pen and took it off the spread. Now, here's the BEST tip I got from this book- buying a hot stencil gun to "cut out " the stencil instead of trying to cut such an intricate design with an Exacto knife! I stencilled the bottom half of the room on the diagonal. It's gorgeous! Now we can afford champagne to toast our new boudoir!

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