

Decorator's Notebook

Show Your Stripes And Mettle With Glamorous Wall Treatment

(NAPSA)—Stripes are in. Metallics are in. Combine the two and you have a fashionable look that can add instant glamour to any room.

Metallic glazes, like those found in Benjamin Moore Studio Finishes collection, are a brilliant way to achieve this chic effect. They're affordable, easy to work with (unlike real metallic leaf) and available in gold, silver, bronze and copper. Consider also the luxury look of a pearlescent. There are 33 pearlescent colors in the collection, including a classic white, and they're all characterized by a subtle luminosity and sheerness that can bring elegance and grandeur to a space.

Alone, these elegant glazes dry to a reflective sheen, allowing plenty of experimentation and artistic license to create opulent tones of precious metals and layered colors. Blended with Studio Finishes Latex Glaze, they become more translucent and can be used to add a shimmering veil over a base color.

In fact, that's exactly what was done for a recent dining room makeover, where wide horizontal stripes wrap around the walls to create a delicious visual treat. The design features alternating broad bands of silver, yellow and gray that continue from ceiling to floorboard, where the border of white molding contributes an excellent accent. The completed look is like a fine woven fabric.



Shining metallic stripes in silver gray and citron add a tasteful touch to this delightful dining room.

The opulent characteristics of the Silver Metallic Glaze are amplified when it's applied over a silver-gray base paint coat, such as Benjamin Moore's Pigeon Gray. The progression of the striped pattern is that combination, followed by Citron and then Pigeon Gray without Metallic Glaze, followed by Citron. The pattern repeats.

For more ideas, inspiration, color combinations and techniques, you can buy a helpful DVD through Benjamin Moore retailers or online at www.benjaminmoore.com.