

The Painted Arch

Step Sequence

Master layout, tape-sealing, and crisp lines for a flawless wall feature.

Confidently lay out, tape, and paint a beautiful wall arch with razor-sharp edges. Grounding your design in the room's existing architecture creates instant visual harmony.

● Arch Essentials

80 inches

Align to adjacent door header

Pushpin + string

Rigid compass setup for perfect arch

3-foot strips

Manageable painter's tape lengths

4-inch foam roller

Smooth finish without heavy stipple

1 quart, 2 coats

For standard 60-inch queen arches

45 degrees

Pull angle for tacky tape removal



Painters' Crisp-Line Secret

Seal tape in base coat! Brushing existing white wall paint over the tape's inside edge fills microscopic gaps, ensuring the contrasting terracotta color cannot bleed underneath.

● The Step Sequence

- 1 String-Compass Layout** Anchor exactly halfway between vertical legs; keep pencil perfectly perpendicular to drywall for a flawless semi-circle.
- 2 Tape-Sealing Order** Overlap downward, burnish inner edge with a putty knife, and seal with your white wall paint.
- 3 Apply Primary Color** Cut in with a stiff angled sash brush, then fill center using smooth overlapping vertical roller strokes.
- 4 Time The Tape Removal** Pull tape at a 45-degree angle while the second coat is still slightly tacky to prevent peeling.

● Coat Timing Rules

Find your row: **Room Climate**

Room Climate	Your pick	Why
Low (Under 40%) 70-80°F	Base 45m, Top 2h	Fastest drying time
Moderate (40-60%) 65-75°F	Base 60m, Top 3h	Standard drying conditions
High (Over 60%) 60-70°F	Base 90m, Top 4h	Extra time for moisture
Damp or rainy below 65°F	Base 120m, Top 6h	Maximum wait time needed

● Pre-Project Space Checks

- Measure your specific bed frame width to confirm exact paint quantities.
- Wipe the wall with a damp microfiber cloth to remove drywall dust.
- Double-check center anchor pin measurement to avoid entirely missing vertical lines.
- Inspect the taped boundary under bright task lighting for lifted edges.

● Project Notes

Enjoy your beautiful new space and that deeply satisfying, perfectly crisp tape peel!