

## A painted wooden floor for a stunning look

A painted wooden floor can bring new life to any room, but don't limit yourself to just one colour. Explore the art of metamorphosis and create a diamond pattern for a unique look.

Your first steps in this renovation project are to clean the floor and then apply a coat of black wood stain. To start creating the pattern, draw a line on the floor with a piece of chalk right across the centre of the room, running parallel to a straight wall. Decide on the size of your diamond pattern by ensuring that each angle that intersects the base line forms an exact 90° angle.

Mark the diamonds to be painted and demarcate the individual borders with mask-

ing tape. Cut the corners of the tape in such a way as to obtain precise angles. Apply the different colours of paint to each element of the pattern with a paintbrush. Epoxy-based paint is recommended for floors.

After you have painted your pattern, remove the masking tape around each diamond as soon as you've finished so that you can clean up any wet paint that has run under the tape. Finish the wood with five coats of varnish, leaving each coat to dry for at least an hour. You will be able to walk on the wood floor after applying the last coat, but it will take at least a week before the varnish is hard enough to resist pockmarking from furniture.

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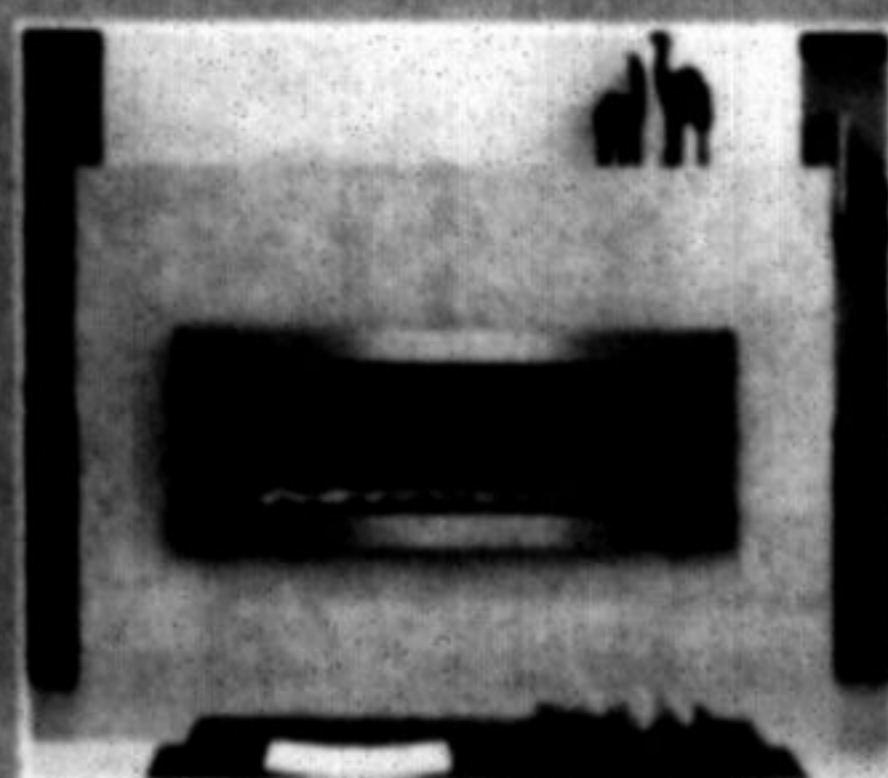


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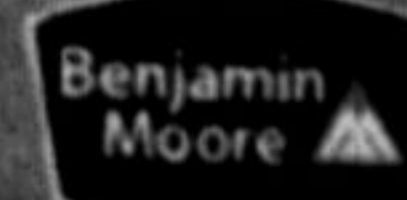
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