



Paint & peel

A favourite childhood art project gets a very grown-up makeover

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I grew up in an incredibly creative home. There was always a project on the go – something being made, painted or re-purposed. I remember my mother making this giant wall hanging. It hung at the end of the dining table, and I would sit staring at it – this large circle with a great mix of colours and pattern. She had used this simple technique, paint and peel. It has always been something I wanted to try. But the folly of such a flexible technique is deciding where to apply it – as a wall hanging, like my mother did? Or a canvas, a bedspread, a piece of furniture, or as permanent artwork on a wall... like I eventually chose. The world really is your paintable oyster, so go forth and conquer it with paint!