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Paint a 2-D headboard

A statement bed needn't be pricey or upholstered – a spectrum of colour gives a divan base impact.

HOW TO Draw around a card hexagon template to create your headboard shape. Mask out the hexagons one at a time with low-tack masking tape and carefully paint in the colour. Allow each shape to dry before masking off the next.

HOW MUCH Hexagons painted in grey (light to dark): 30RR 39/021, 30RR 27/028, 30RR, 30RR 17/034, 30RR 08/044; red: 00YR 15/510; all matt emulsion, £12.29 for 1l, Dulux. Bird Jacquard duvet cover, £80; pillowcases, £18 each; all Jigsaw Home. Fergana embroidered cushion, £295, Patricia Urquiola at Mint. I Rule crown cushion, £69, Rockett St George. Valance, £140 (plus 4m fabric), The Dormy House; valance made in Glimmer F5960-04, £71 per m, Osborne & Little. Throw, £68, The Atlantic Blanket Company. Dolcevita striped throw, £195, The Conran Shop. Totem table, £250, Niki Jones. Mirrored container, £17; Kelvin lamp, £265, Antonio Citterio for Flos; both The Conran Shop. Damascus tumbler, £24.50 for four, Toast. Sultan Fossing divan bed, £299; Sultan Alsarp mattress, £139; both Ikea. Small Bouclé C Steel Blue sisal, £42 per sq m, Crucial Trading. Wall painted in 30RR 54/015 matt emulsion, £19.99 for 2.5l, Dulux. >

design trick

There's a contrasting colour suggestion for every shade in Dulux's Tailor Made range online, so getting your palette right is easy.