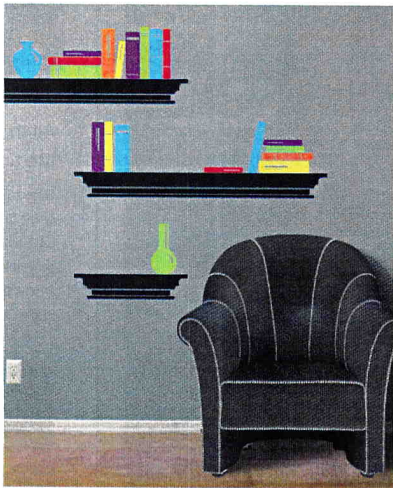


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Wall Coverings

stick 'em up

These fantastic BLIK surface graphics are the perfect way to brighten up and add character to a room, and the best part is that it takes just minutes to stick them up — and take them away when you fancy a change. Five new designs have just been introduced, including Dreamland by Undoboy (FIG-11), at a cost of £45, and Me, Myshelf & I (ABOVE) at £35. www.supernice.co.uk

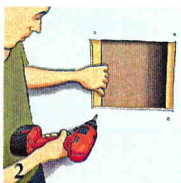
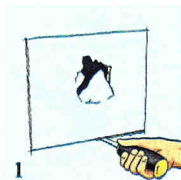


Decorating Clinic

HOW TO...

patch up a hole in plasterboard

1. Using a utility knife, cut out a square patch of new plasterboard large enough to comfortably cover the affected area, then use this as a guide to accurately draw around the hole on the wall with a pencil. Cut along your marks using a drywall/plasterboard saw.
2. Cut two six-inch-wide strips of scrap wood, which are longer than the opening height. Attach these pieces with two one-and-a-quarter-inch drywall screws at each end, then fix the plasterboard square to the wood strips with screws at each corner.



3. Apply self-adhering patch-tape over the edges. This reduces the jointing compound cracking movement. Ensure you smooth down firmly.

4. Spread jointing compound with a plasterer's hawk. Allow to dry then apply two more coats.

