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ABSTRACT: A wall decoration providing a plurality of frames and spacers to be adhesively attached to a wall, and defining spaced openings in and between the frames for decorative blocks to be inserted in the openings and adhesively secured to the wall; covering strips are secured to the frames around the blocks.

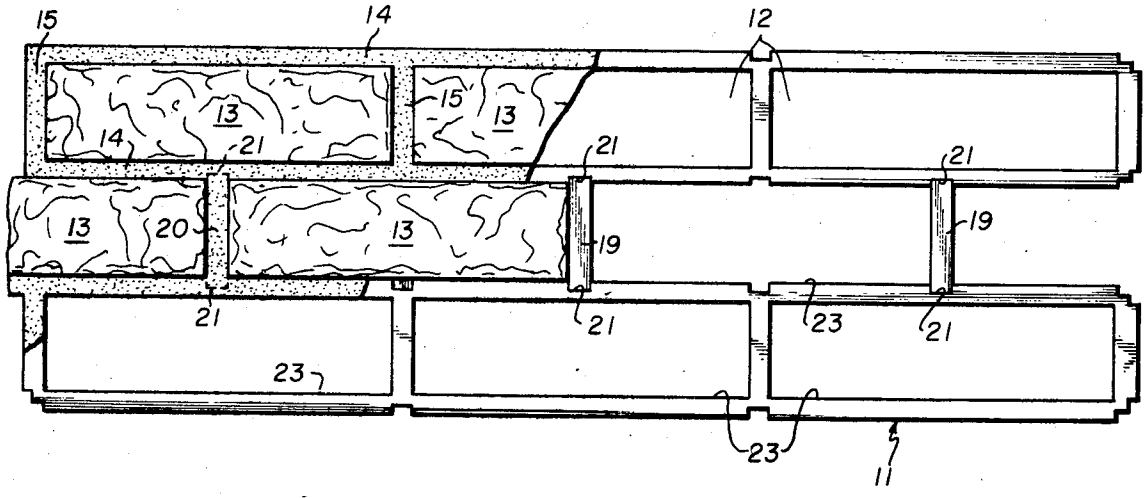




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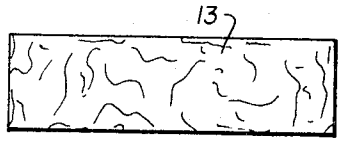


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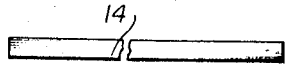


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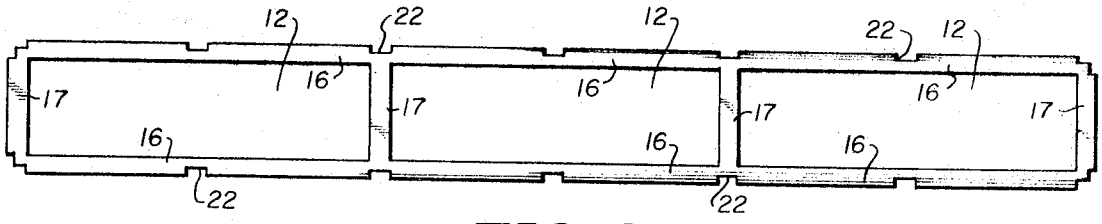


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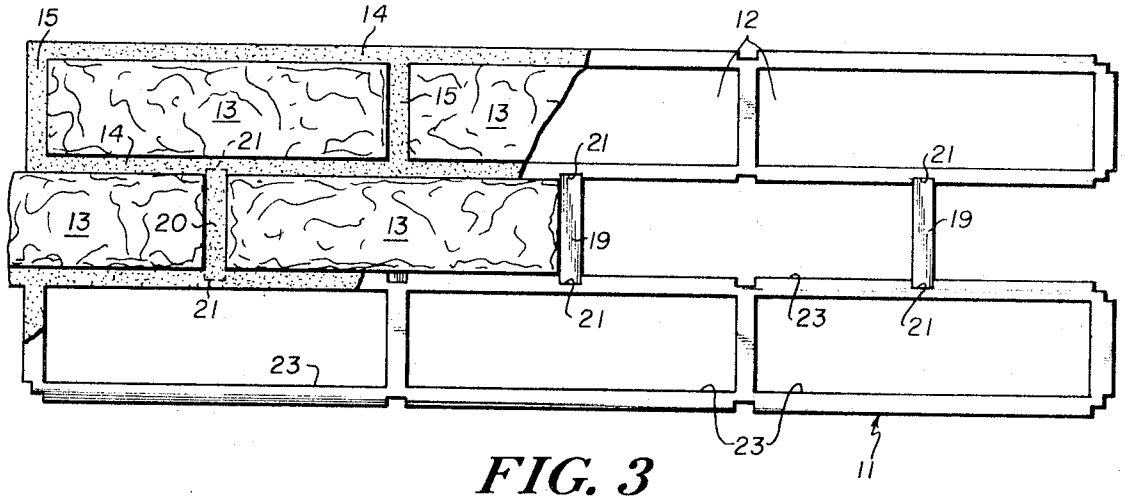


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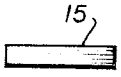


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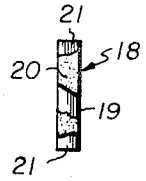


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WALL DECORATION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of Invention

This invention relates generally to wall decoration, and particularly to decorative blocks and frames to be applied to walls.

2. Prior Art

Paint and wallpaper in rolls are common means of decorating walls. Individual pieces of varying size and position are difficult to apply to walls with precision, so as to attain a symmetrical, uniform effect. Wall ornamentation is usually permanent, and must be totally removed to be changed.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION N

It is an object and advantage of the present invention that it can be easily applied. Block portions, although adhesively secured, can be held by a nonsetting adhesive, so that the blocks may be removed and substituted by other ornamental blocks. It has been found that adhesive frames with block-shaped openings can be applied to walls so that a great variety of ornamental effects are attained by inserting (and exchanging) blocks applied to the openings.

THE DRAWINGS

These objects and advantages as well as other objects and advantages may be attained by the device shown by way of illustration in the drawings in which

FIG. 1 is an end elevational view of the frame;

FIG. 2 is an elevational view of the frame;

FIG. 3 is an elevational view of a pair of frames applied to a wall with blocks and strips applied and partly exploded away;

FIG. 4 is an elevational view of a short frame bar;

FIG. 5 is an elevational view of a block before insertion in the frame;

FIG. 6 is a view of a horizontal filler strip before it is applied to the frame;

FIG. 7 is a view of a short vertical filler strip before it is applied to a vertical spacer; and

FIG. 8 is a view of a vertical spacer with a filler strip applied and partly exploded away.

PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to the drawings in detail, there is provided a frame **11**. This frame is to be attached to another surface such as a vertical wall. An adhesive may be applied to the back of the frame **11**, when ready for use, for the frame may be manufactured with an adhesive coating on the back and a protective peel strip, that may be removed to disclose the adhesive coating. The frame may be made of rather thin cardboard stock, wood, plastic, or metal as long as such material has reasonable rigidity.

The frame **11** is covered by horizontal filler strips **14**. These filler strips may be relatively thin, as in the case of sheet material (0.001 inch) or rather thick (0.25 inch), but in any event, less thick than blocks **13** which are to be inserted in the openings **12** in the frame **11**. The strips **14** are long and are adhesively secured to the frame **11** so as to completely cover the horizontal portions **16** of the frame **11**. These are also provided short vertical filler strips **15** to cover the vertical portions of the frame **11**. These strips **14, 15** surround the openings **12**. The strips **14, 15** may be made of any material such as cork, plastic, bright metal foil, or a material simulating the appearance of mortar. The frame **11** has a plurality of openings **12** dimensioned to receive blocks **13**. These blocks **13** are chosen for their ornamental effect and may be made of plastic, cork, flocked cardboard, or indeed any material that will impart an ornamental appearance. Thus, the blocks may be made to simulate in appearance, terrazzo, plaster, brick, marble, parquet, velvet, or any of the numerous ornamental

materials used to finish walls. The back of each block **13** is adhesively secured to the wall upon which the frame **11** has been applied. Thus, there is provided, an ornamental wall having a bricklike surface (etc.) with mortar in between. Numerous other effects are possible; for example, cork blocks **13**, delineated by bright metal foil strips **14, 15**. Imagination may supply unlimited other design effects, e.g. calico blocks, delineated by velvet strips **14, 15**; gold finish blocks **13**, delineated by silver foil strips **14, 15**; antique mirror blocks, delineated by brassy strips **14, 15**.

Having supplied one course of frames **11**, a second and third course may be added by the use of vertical spacers **18**. The vertical spacer **18** is a strip of frame material **19** over which a vertical short filler strip **20** is applied by an adhesive. This filler strip **20** in the vertical space, is covered with the same material that covers the vertical portions **17** of the frame **11**. The ends **21** of the vertical spacer **18** are not, however, completely covered by the filler strips **20**, so that they can fit into the notches **22** of the frame **11** and lie under horizontal filler strips **14** that cover the frame. The filler strip **20** will match the filler strip **14**. In case horizontal extension of a frame **11** is required wherein another frame would be too long, a short frame bar **10** is provided with the usual cover strip **14**. The opposite end **21** of the vertical spacers **19** will fit into the notches **22** of the next (above or below) frame **11**, and will define spaces **23** for blocks **13** between the frames.

By the application of frame **11** after frame **11** to a wall surface, spacing the frames apart by vertical spacers **18** (which also have an adhesive back), blocks **13** may be applied to an entire wall surface. It is thus possible to supply a complete wall kit for the do-it-yourself trade, or a wide assortment of materials to the professional painter, paperhanger, or decorator, enabling unique varieties of wall decor.

The foregoing description is merely intended to illustrate an embodiment of the invention. The component parts have been shown and described. They each may have substitutes which may perform a substantially similar function; such substitutes may be known as proper substitutes for the said components and may have actually been known or invented before the present invention.

I claim:

1. A wall decoration comprising

a. a frame having a plurality of openings therein,

b. blocks of the same dimension as the openings and positioned therein for engagement with a wall to which the frame is secured,

c. a filler strip attached to and covering at least a portion of the frame surrounding the blocks,

d. an adhesive material applied to the back of the blocks, and also to the back of the frame whereby to secure them to a wall surface,

e. a simulative brick surface on the blocks,

f. a simulative mortar surface on the strips,

g. a plurality of notches in the frame on the upper and lower edges thereof,

h. a plurality of vertical strips each having an end positioned in one of the notches in the frame,

i. a vertical filler strip attached to and covering a portion of the vertical strip,

j. a simulative mortar surface or the surface of the vertical filler strip,

k. a second frame disposed in spaced relation to the first frame,

l. a plurality of notches in the second frame,

m. the other ends of the vertical strips disposed in the corresponding notches in the second frame,

n. blocks of the same dimension as the openings in the second frame positioned therein for engagement with a wall to which the second frame is applied,

o. the other blocks and frame likewise being provided with a adhesive backing and attached to a wall surface,

p. the other frame similarly provided with a simulative brick surface on the blocks and a simulative mortar surface on the filler strip,

q. the openings in the frames surrounding and intimately engaging the edges of the blocks,
r. the frame being relatively thinner than the blocks
s. the blocks being relatively thicker than the frame and extending outwardly beyond them,
t. the back of the frame and the back of the blocks lying disposed in generally the same plane.