How to make a *Thank you sign* with a stencil to paint onto any dark surface.

What we need the stencil to tell us is where we need to apply white or lighter paint, so we need to carefully cut away the white area.

1. **Print** this template as big as your *thank you sign* is going to be.
2. **Cut** around the outline of the speech bubble’s inside edge (where the white meets the black line).
3. Cut off the white around the **black AND yellow lines**. The yellow lines hold the letters in place.
4. If you are using scissors, fold the paper to get to the **enclosed spaces** of the A and O (these are called *counters*), and between yellow lines.
5. **Tape** your stencil with as little tape as you can, preferably on the yellow bits.
6. **Apply paint** with a brush or sponge, working it into the spaces between the letters. You can paint over the letters, they are acting as resist.
7. Once you have the outlines of all letters in place, remove the stencil and **tidy up** with more paint where needed, specially where the yellow lines are.
8. **Show and share** your gratitude!

#ThankYou