BASIC STEPS FOR CREATING A 4X4 FOOT PAINTED BARN QUILT

Drafted for Basic ‘How-to’ Barn Quilt Workshop

Determine location for barn quilt, its size and orientation…and decide how it will be mounted

Select quilt block design

Draw design on graph paper

Test and select colors for design using crayons, pencils, markers or the computer…taking into consideration the color of siding or other background

Purchase sign board, primer, paint and other materials needed (see supply list)

Cut 4x8 sheet of sign board in half for two 4x4 foot boards (or into smaller boards) and being careful to cut it square

Set up work area…using colored design as a reference when painting board (note…use heavy plastic shower curtain or other plastic underneath, but not newspaper)

Prime board on front, back and edges…applying 2 coats on the back and 3 coats on the front and edges

Draw design on board with pencil…marking border first (if one is to be done), then enlarging design to fit remaining space

Outline areas with painters tape to be painted first (using X-acto knife to cut precise angles)…starting with lighter colors and working from the center to the outside

Paint first color …applying at least 2 coats, letting first coat dry before applying second

Continue outlining and painting each color…making sure to do the border on the front (if one is desired) plus the edge and back of the board

Do touch ups, if needed or desired

Notes:

See ‘Hammond Barn Quilt Trail’ guidelines for additional details

Consider elevating board on small plastic bins or wooden blocks when priming and painting to make handling of board and painting edges easier

If framing barn quilt before installing, then additional steps need to be taken

Several methods are used for mounting barn quilts...they vary depending on size, location, whether or not a frame is added as the border, etc.