

Marquette County Barn Quilts

Thank you for your interest Barn Quilts! This is some information on preparing your 8' x 8' Barn Quilt for painting and hanging.

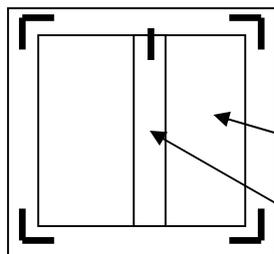
Supplies needed

- Two 4 x 8 foot 3/4" exterior MDO or exterior plywood; good grade sanded on one side
- Cardboard or plastic to cover the floor
- Saw horses or table top
- Latex Exterior Primer (use a good quality paint)
- Paint (use good quality paint)
- Pencil for drawing pattern
- Measuring tape, yard stick, or framing square
- Painters tape
- Razor blade or craft knife
- Can opener
- Self-stick notes of your design colors or masking tape
- Foam roller and paint tray
- Brushes: 2" angle for Latex paints
- Plastic containers used for paint
- Paint stir stick
- Paper towel or rags
- Four 8-foot cedar 2 x 4's (cedar is best as it doesn't warp as much as treated lumber)
- One 8-foot cedar 2 x 6" cedar for center board
- Gorilla Glue or construction glue
- Clamps
- 4 L brackets for corners
- 3 3/4" wide, 8-foot tin strip to cover top ledge
- Hanging brackets (each barn is different so that is an individual decision)

Painting

1. Select your quilt pattern or design your own.
2. Set up a work area that is dry and dust free for painting.
3. Prime the two sheets of plywood (front and back) and cedar boards (using a foam roller saves time and cleanup) with the high quality primer at least two times. If you do not connect the two boards it will be easier to paint the center.
4. Draw the pattern on the primed boards using a pencil and measuring devices leaving a 3" black border all the way around.
5. Using the tape, outline the areas that will receive the lightest paint color and pressing the tape firmly to ensure a good seal.
6. Paint the one color of your quilt block, let dry and paint a second coat. Remove tape after paint dries and re-tape the next color. Continue in this manner until the entire block is painted.
7. Hint: Use a razor blade or craft knife to cut definite angles in the tape. To help designate which areas receive which color you can place corresponding colored self stick notes in those areas. This would be very helpful with a pattern using multiple colors.
8. Paint the Cedar boards with black paint, this helps hide them in the back.

Assembly



Lay out the 2 x 4's like diagram. Use glue and screws to attach to the plywood. Make sure the screws DON'T puncture the front. Put L brackets in corners and a straight bracket at center boards.

Back Side

2 x 6