

Gather Wood Sign



Included Supplies:

- Wood panel
- Base paint
- Stencil paint (contrasting color)
- Foam brushes
- Vinyl stencil

Optional Supplies:

- Newspaper or disposable tablecloth for work area
- Paint or wood stain for "frame"
- Painter's tape
- Hanging options: twine or sawtooth hanger
- Sandpaper
- Hard edge (i.e. credit card)



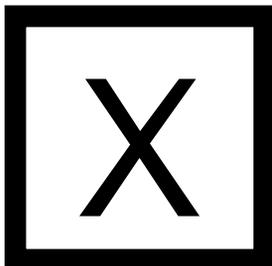
Instructional video available at www.calumetcitypl.org/events.html.

Instructions:

1. Lay down newspaper or disposable tablecloth to cover work area.
2. Use a brush to apply desired background color to panel. Paint the sides too so you don't have unpainted edges!
3. Allow paint to fully dry. *Tip: After drying, add another layer of newspaper or fold over a new section of tablecloth to cover any residual wet paint.*
4. Remove the white backing from the colored vinyl stencil. Center the stencil on the panel and press down firmly.
5. Carefully peel away the transparent grid layer from the vinyl stencil. Take extra time and care around the more delicate features of the stencil design. Use your hands or a hard edge to press the stencil down if it gets lifted.
6. Go over stencil with hard edge once more to make sure all edges are adhered to the panel to avoid leakage.
7. Apply the desired color for your design over the stencil.
8. Allow paint to fully dry.
9. Remove stencil and enjoy!

Optional ideas:

- Paint or stain the raised edges of the back one color and paint the recessed area another color to mimic the look of a frame. *Tip: use painter's tape for cleaner lines between the raised edges and the recessed interior.*



Black = raised edges

"X" = recessed area on backside of panel

- Attach twine with hot glue to the top edge of the panel to hang, or follow the instructions on a sawtooth hanger to install on the top back of the panel.
- For a more rustic look, use fine sandpaper to distress portions of the paint/stain.