One Way To Make a Barn Quilt

Materials needed:

¾" MDO plywood (exterior grade)

High quality semi-gloss or high gloss exterior latex paint in bright and bold colors

Foam rollers and brushes

Painter's tape

Sandpaper

Quilt block design

Tools for drawing grid and quilt design

Steps:

1. Cut a sheet of medium density overlay (MDO) plywood to desired size. MDO is recommended for exterior use.

2. Sand all four edges of plywood.

3. Apply 2 generous coats of paint to back and edges allowing ample time to dry between coats. Allow to dry overnight.

4. Apply 2 coats of paint to front and edges in background color using foam brush. Allow to dry overnight.

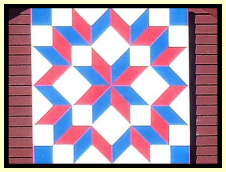
5. Mark a grid on front using pencil. Example: 9 square or 16 square as appropriate. If a border is desired mark the border first and then mark the grid inside the border.

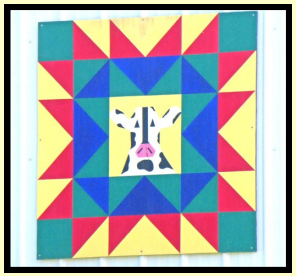
6. Draw selected quilt block pattern on grid.

7. Tape the pattern with painter's tape to ensure straight lines.

8. Apply 2 or more coats of colored paint to create solid blocks of color. A sealant is not recommended by the paint distributor. If repainting is required the original paint will not need to be stripped.

9. Attach barn quilt to building using screws or French cleats.





The barn quilt blocks are located in the 15 cities and towns in Franklin County, Vermont. Current maps and lists are online at www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.org. The lists include street addresses, GPS coordinates (when available), and pictures.

Please respect private property and traffic safety when observing these works of art. Please let us know of any errors, deletions, or additions. Email barnquiltsofnvt@gmail.com for more information.

BARN QUILTS OF NORTHERN VERMONT

FRANKLIN COUNTY TRAIL

The Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail is a collection of over 400 painted quilt blocks on barns, houses, and other structures in Franklin County, Vermont. All of them can be seen from public roads.

The idea for the barn quilts came about in 2009 when a member of the Sheldon Raiders Homemaker's Club was traveling cross country and passed through Elkhart County, Indiana. The beautiful designs and creative patchwork of colors displayed on barns there inspired this determined woman to lead her group in a similar project in Sheldon, Vermont.

The Sheldon Raiders shared their success story with a group in Richford, then Enosburg, Franklin and beyond. This created an explosion of barn quilts which has blanketed Franklin, County and has seeped into nearby counties.

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It all began with the 12 barn quilt blocks painted and displayed by the Sheldon Raiders in 2010...

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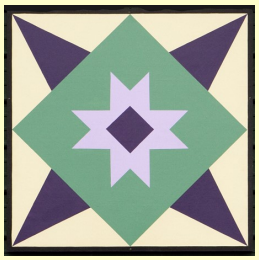
Heritage Clocks
2296 Vermont Rte. 105
Latitude 44.9051
Longitude -72.9862



5. BLAZING STAR
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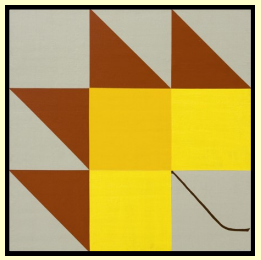

9. MAPLE LEAF
Diamond Hill Custom Heifers
4692 East Sheldon Road
Latitude 44.8963
Longitude -72.8430

2. SAWTOOTH STAR
Breezy Maples Farm
128 Bergeron Road
Latitude 44.9027
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6. FRIENDSHIP STAR VARIATION
Stebbins Farm
3133 East Sheldon Road
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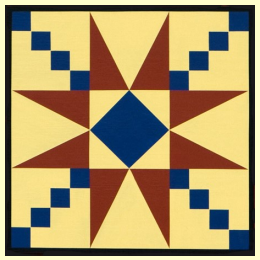

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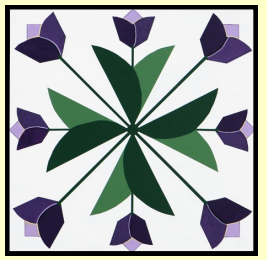

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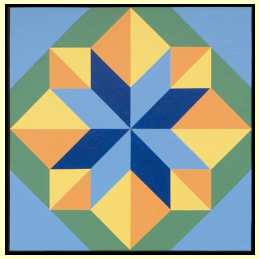

7. EVENING STAR
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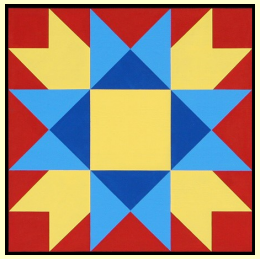

11. STARBURST
Missisquoi Valley View Farm
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4. CARPENTER'S WHEEL
Parent Farm
6187 Vermont Rte. 105
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8. GALAXY
Ryan Homestead
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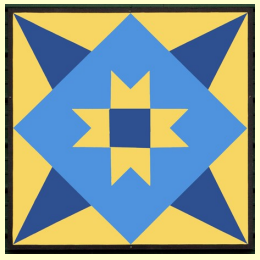
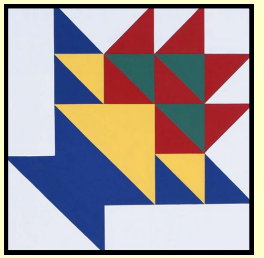
12. BASKET OF FLOWERS
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