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
Roller brush
Foam brushes
Painter's tape
Sandpaper
Quilt block design
Tools for drawing grid and quilt design

1. Cut sheet of MDO plywood to desired size. We cut a 4'x 8' sheet in half. (Medium density overlay was recommended for exterior painted signs.)

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. We allowed to dry overnight.

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

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 quilt block pattern on grid.

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

8. Apply 2 or more coats of colored paint to create solid blocks of color. A sealant was 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, wooden French cleats or steel cleats. Carroll McAllister from Richford fashioned our steel cleats.

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