See how easy it is to make a colorful quilt-pattern art project that you can hang indoors or outside.

**Skill Level**

- 1

**Estimated Cost**

$150

**Time**

1/2 Day

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**TOOLS & MATERIALS**

- drill
- exterior-grade screws
- measuring tape
- straight edge
- paint
- roller
- paintbrushes
- painter’s tape
- circular saw
- D-rings hanging wire
- (1) 4’ x 8’ x 3/4” sheet of plywood
- (2) 1’ x 4’ x 8’
- (2) 1’ x 3’ x 8’
- wood putty
- pattern template
- wood stain
- pneumatic staple gun and staples

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**STEP 1**

Barn art is traditionally square. Start with a 4x8’ sheet of plywood and cut to the size appropriate to your space. Make it as big or small as you might like – 44”x44” is a good size.

**STEP 2**

The square plywood will be your canvas. Paint it white to start.

**STEP 3**

Use a straight edge to mark out your design. Go geometric with four different quadrants for a sleek look. Remember to account for the 1x3 wood “matte” that will sit on top of the canvas for a finished look. Keep the design within the confines of the matte.

**STEP 4**

Mark off the sections with painter’s tape for your lightest color. Painting in order from lightest color to darkest color will allow for any mistakes to be easily masked.

**STEP 5**

Peel the tape at a 45 degree angle from the lightest color just before the paint is fully dry to get a clean edge. After the color has dried, mark off the tape for the next color. Continue along this pattern until each of the colors or sections have been painted.

**STEP 6**

Add a matte to complete the look. The matte should be cut to the length of the canvas with 45 degree mitered corners. These can be cut with a circular saw or a miter saw. Nail the four boards together first with a pneumatic nail gun for easy overlay onto the art. Then attach the completed matte to the art with screws.

**STEP 7**

Frame it up! The 1x4 frame will fit outside the matte and will be attached on the edge of the canvas with screws for added depth. The frame boards will measure 44” each and will have butt joints at the ends.

**STEP 8**

Add D-rings to the back of the board and connect with wire securely wrapping around for a strong hold.

**STEP 9**

Hang and enjoy!

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