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An Original Pattern With Complete Instructions

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Materials and Supplies

- One piece of tight-grained hardwood 8" X 9.5" by 3/8" to 1/2" thick for the plaque
- One piece of Baltic birch or similar plywood 8" X 9.5" by 1/8" thick for the backer (optional)
- Scroll saw blades – #2/0, #2 and #5 reverse tooth recommended
- Temporary adhesive spray glue
- Blue painters masking tape (2") (packaging tape can be substituted for this)
- Drill press and small bit for entry holes, and a 3/16" bit for the grapes
- Hand-held orbital sander and various grits of sandpaper
- Spray varnish in a finish of your choice
- Clear-drying wood glue (optional)
- Acrylic paint for the backboard in a color of your choice (optional)
- Small hanger of choice

Procedure

-Make photocopies of the original patterns and keep them for future reference. Patterns may be reproduced for the purpose of making the project – not for resale purposes. Finished items that are made by hand may be sold for profit, but not mechanically manufactured. Credit to the designer is encouraged. Redistribution of this pattern, photo or instructions is not permitted.

Preparing the Wood

-Beginning with 100 grit sandpaper, sand both sides of your wood with your hand-held orbital sander to remove the planer marks and smooth out the wood. Graduate up to 150 grit paper or finer if desired. Clean all the dust from your wood after sanding.

-Place a layer of blue painters masking tape over the entire surface of the hardwood piece to help prevent burning and to facilitate removal of the pattern after cutting. If you prefer to use packaging tape to prevent burning, you may find it easier to put the tape over the pattern rather than under it.

-Apply the pattern over the masking tape layer by lightly spraying the back with a misting of temporary spray adhesive. Allow the spray to tack up for a couple of seconds until it feels sticky like masking tape and apply the pattern over the tape on your wood.

-If you are cutting a plywood backer for your plaques, attach another copy of the pattern onto your plywood piece. You will be following the dotted grey line when cutting the backer.

Cutting

-Begin by cutting the perimeter of the plaque. A #5 blade is recommended for this.

-Next you can drill all entry holes for the inside cuts with a small bit. After drilling, turn over the piece and sand the back of it so that it is perfectly flat.

-A #2 or possibly #3 blade can be used for the easier cuts, but a #2/0 might be best for the small letters. Change your blade at the first sign of dulling since a dull blade will make a mistake much more likely and such a small blade can dull quickly. You can use a #2 blade for cutting your backer piece if you are using one.

-When cutting, whenever possible try to cut the inside edge of a curve before the outside edge; This will make your blade much less likely to dive into your previous cut and make the process easier. It will also reduce your chances of breaking a piece in the delicate areas. **I would also suggest that you start your cuts from the innermost, more delicate areas so that you finish these delicate cuts before removing support from the area and plan beforehand so that you don't finish a cut in a delicate spot.**

Finishing

-Separate the pattern and tape from the wood. Carefully sand all pieces by hand or with an orbital sander to remove any burrs working up to 220 grit paper. You can use a small knife or sanding stick to get into tight areas. Clean the dust from your pieces after sanding.

-If you are not putting a backer on your plaque, you can now attach a hanger of choice on the back of the plaque. If using nails or screws, be sure that they will not poke through the front of your plaque. (Also if using screws or nails, you can wait until after varnishing to attach the hanger.)

-After attaching a hanger, you can then spray several coats of varnish on both sides of the plaque allowing the varnish to dry between coats. For a smoother finish, sand the surfaces lightly with 400-600 grit paper and clean the dust off before your final coat.

Optional Backer instructions

-Apply stain or paint of choice to your backer piece.

-Once the paint is dry, spray a couple coats of varnish on the front of the backer piece and on the back of the main plaque allowing the varnish to dry between coats. The reason for spraying before attaching the backer is to allow you to better get into all the tight areas of the fretwork. (You may want to mask the larger glue areas on both pieces to ensure a better bond when gluing later. Some paints & varnishes react with the glue where others don't cause much issue.) Spray the fretwork from all angles to get into the tight spots as much as you can. For a smoother finish, you can sand the backer piece lightly with 400-600 grit paper and wipe the dust off before applying the last coat. Allow the varnish to dry completely before proceeding.

-Apply clear-drying wood glue to the back side of the hardwood piece. Center the backer piece onto the project and lay on a flat surface. Weight it down until the glue dries. After weighing it down, keep an eye on it for a few minutes to make sure that the pieces stay lined up.

-Attach a hanger of choice on the back of the plaque. If using nails or screws, be sure that they will not poke through the front of your plaque.

-You can now spray your final coats of varnish on both sides of the plaque. Again, for a smoother finish, sand the surfaces lightly with 400-600 grit paper and clean the dust off before your final coat.

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Plaque



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Use this dashed grey line for cutting a backer if desired

