

# Making your sign



1. Get your desired wood.
  - a. If you will be keeping your sign outside it is best to use a solid piece of wood as opposed to plywood, MDF or particleboard. These woods separate or swell when they get wet.  
(Do not attempt to trim your wood to any length, that will be done last.)

2. Paint a base coat. While wet you can add texture by tossing on some flour or saw dust.

3. Paint on a topcoat. Let dry.

4. Stencil or trace\* on the desired word(s)

\*If you are tracing you can print out a desired font No larger than 2" shorter than the wood's width. (To save on toner when you print out the letters go to format, font, and select outline. This will just give you a thin line to trace.) Measure exactly where you want to put the letters and tape down. Trace on the letters with carbon paper.



5. Paint the letters with desired paint.



6. Let the paint dry completely.

7. Trim the wood down to make the sign appear centered. Touch up cut end with paint.

8. Distress sign to your liking.

9. Finish by antiquing.

For tips on antiquing see "Grunge it Up" on [itsashabbything.blogspot.com](http://itsashabbything.blogspot.com) (tag: info)