

INSTRUCTIONS: Message Board in a Moment

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This versatile message board can go in your home's "drop area", kitchen, office, laundry, or kids' room. We whipped it up in a couple of hours – really!

SUPPLIES:

Empty Frame (recycled)
Primer
Paint
Cardboard or Foamcore
Solid colored fabric
Aitleen's Tacky Glue
Strong packing tape
Scissors, X-acto, ruler, cutting surface, paint brush etc.

INSTRUCTIONS:

We like to donate our usable items to local charities and purchase from them when possible, as we know it helps so many others when we do. This frame came from the Goodwill for \$7. We painted it with spray primer first and then with interior house paint (2 coats). You can also use acrylic paint, and top it off with a light coat of spray satin polyurethane to help prevent scratches and make a nice, even finish if you like. Using tape for a guide, we made one corner a slightly darker color, just for the fun of it.

Measure the interior hole of the frame and cut a piece of foamcore or heavy cardboard to match, just a hair smaller than the hole. (Maybe 1/8 – 1/4")

Cover the board with fabric by cutting a piece the size of the board plus about 1 ½ to 2" all the way around. To make your life easy, use a solid color fabric so you don't have to worry about stripes or patterns laying straight on the board. With fabric WRONG side facing up, lay the board on the fabric and using Aileen's Tacky Glue, fold up each edge and glue. This glue really is the best.

Place the board into the frame and, from the back, tape the board to the frame all around, using strong packing tape.

Voila!

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