

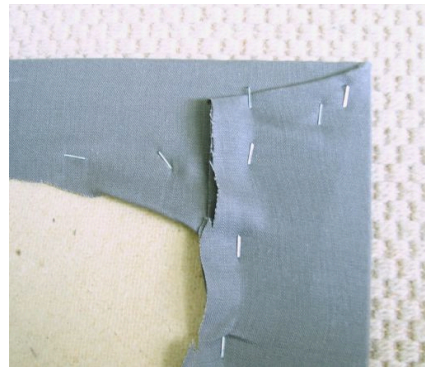
Homasote Board

To make a 4x8 foot board, you'll need one 1/2 inch homasote board, 3 3/4 yards of 54" wide fabric, 20 yards of ribbon, and 24 decorative tacks.

1. Lay the board on top of the fabric. Starting from the center of the long side and working your way out, staple the fabric to the board, pulling it taut as you go.



2. Fold the corners like you would a gift and use a few extra staples to secure. Trim away any excess fabric.

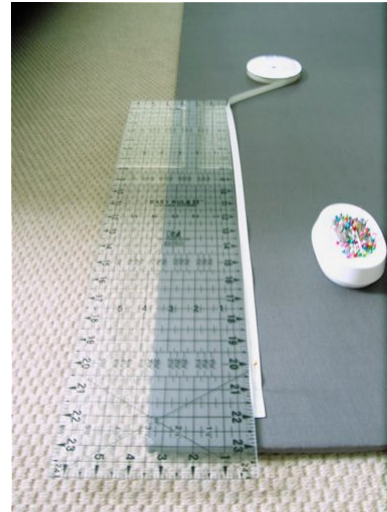


3. Flip the board over and check that it is smooth. If needed, you can remove a few staples and pull taut again if there are any problem areas.



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4. To apply the ribbon detail, lay the ribbon $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the long side of the board and 1 inch from the short end and pin.



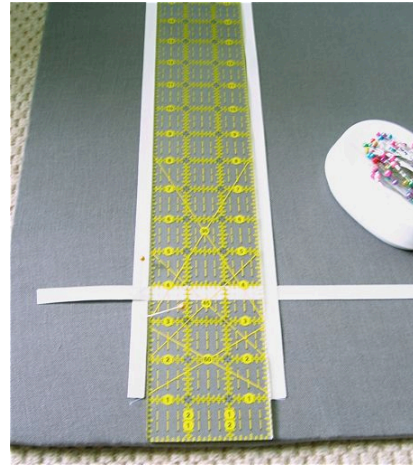
5. Measure the $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the other end of the board, making sure the ribbon is smooth, and pin in to place. Trim an inch from the edge of the board.



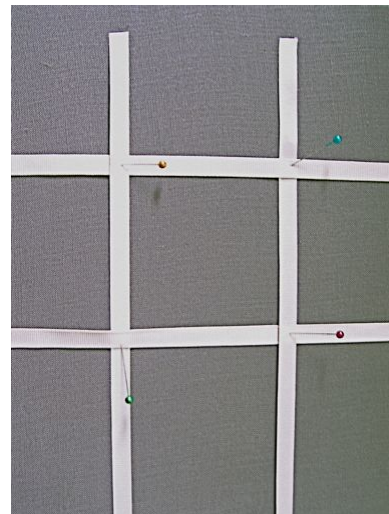
6. Repeat this process and add ribbons to the other 3 sides of the board.



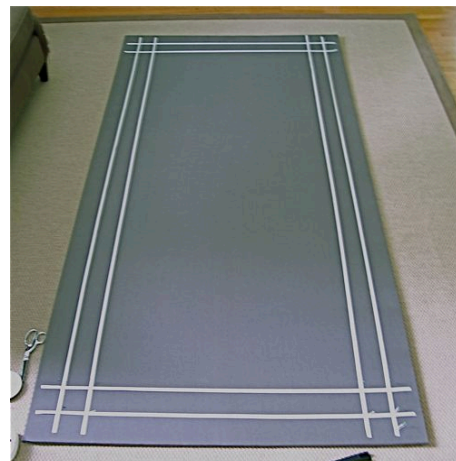
7. Add a second row of ribbons all the way around the board measuring 3 inches in from the first ribbon.



8. For a decorative look, create a basket weave effect at the corners with the ribbons going over and then under the 2 ribbons that it intersects.

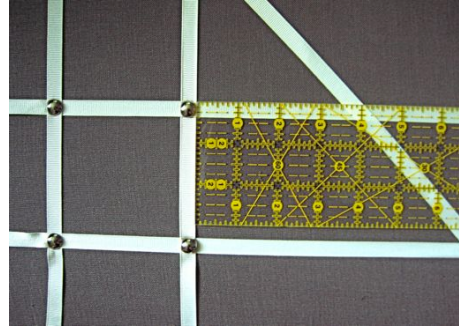


9. Secure the ribbons at the intersections using decorative tacks. Pull the ribbons taut as you insert the tacks.

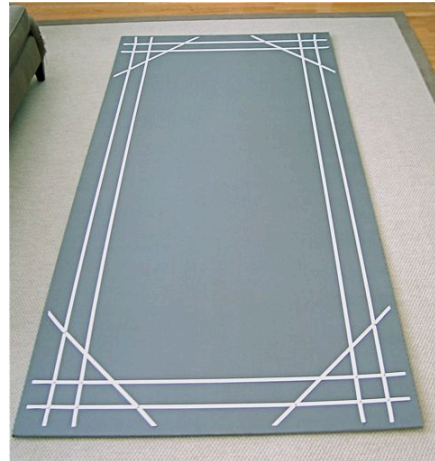


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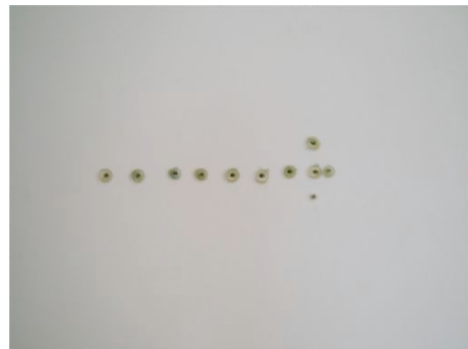
10. Add the diagonal ribbons measure $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches



11. Tack the diagonal ribbons in place. I only used 2 tacks in each ribbon on the outer most intersection. Now the board is ready to hang.

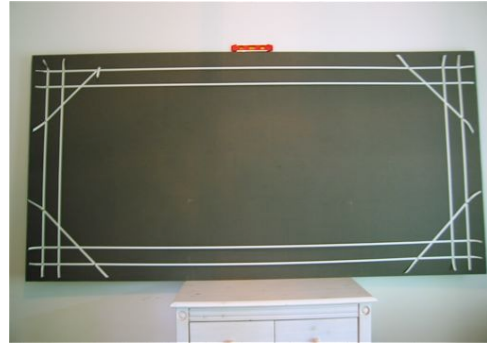


12. The board is pretty heavy, so you'll need to locate studs to hang the board from. You can use a stud finder if your walls are drywall. If your walls are plaster like mine, it will take a little extra work. Studs are typically located at 16 inch intervals. So, start from the corner and measure in 16 inch intervals until you are approximately where you will want the 2 screws that will hang the board. Drill small holes until you find the 2 studs. You can see that it took me a few tries to find this stud.

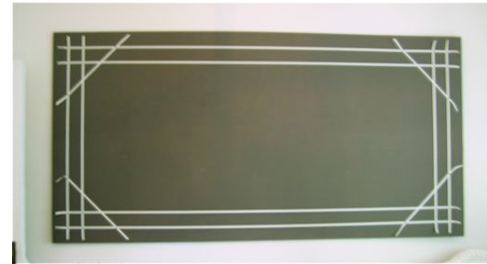


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13. Position the board where you want to hang it and check for level. I set the board on a dresser to hold it in place (I highly recommend setting the board on something - it would be very difficult to hang if someone has to hold it in place).



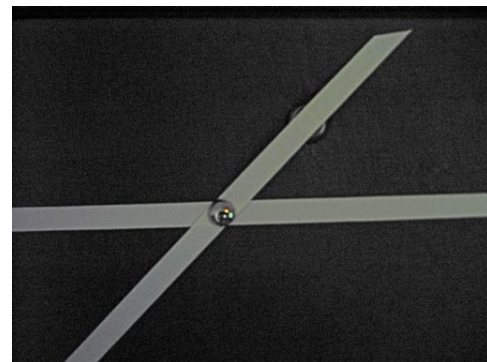
14. Screw the board to the wall right through the fabric. I used finishing washers to achieve a cleaner look. Make sure that the screws you use are long enough to go through the 1/2 inch homasote board and the drywall or plaster and well in to the stud.



15. I was able to position the screws so that they would fall under the diagonal ribbons.



16. Glue the all the ribbon ends to the board so that they don't flop around. Here you can see how I was able to hide the screw.



17. Now your board is ready for photos and swatches!

