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Materials Needed:

- A Piece of scrap wood. I used an extra piece of a pine board from another project that I had done. If you don't have any scrap wood at home, there are two things you can do: If you feel up to it, go out for a drive to a larger store or factory (i.e. Walmart, a Bathroom Supply Store) and grab a skid. You will want to look for one where the slates are larger in width, at least 5 to 6 inches wide. You will just have to take the skid apart at home. A hammer is usually enough to do it. If you think this is too much for now, I would then suggest buying a piece of pine from the project wood section of your local hardware store. 1x5 or 1x6 should work in this case, and just buy the length according to how many you want to make.
- Dark Stain
- Spray Paint – You need to decide on the colour you want to do. In this case I used the Rustoleum Painter's Touch Satin Heirloom Whitw
- Sandpaper, I suggest using 100 grit
- Milk bottle – can purchase decorative ones at Craft Stores or do some searching online to find the great deals
- Adjustable Metal Hose Clamp –
- Copper tube strap & Small screws
- Picture hanger

Tools Needed:



Saw to cut the boards to length



Sponge Paint Brush



Screw Driver – Depending on what screw head it is for the copper tube strapping



Hammer – A regular hammer will be fine, however I work enough with small nails that I purchased a Tack hammer. It is easier to control with small finishing nails.



Pencil



Safety Glasses



Tape Measure



Rubber gloves or work gloves – so you don't stain or paint your hands

Directions:

1. First cut the boards to the size that you want them to be. I preferred to make the boards just long enough that there is board showing below and to the sides of the Milk Jug and that the flowers reach the top of the board. For me that was 5" wide by 12" long.

2. Now you need to stain the front and the edges of the board, then let it dry.

3. Once the stain has dried, you are going to use the spray paint to cover over the stain. Give this some time to dry.

4. Taking the sandpaper, start removing the paint in areas to make it look distressed. I focus mainly on the edges and a few spots through the rest of the board making the stain show through. You will want some areas to have more stain visible than others

5. Time to layout the placement of the bottle. Place the clamp over the neck of the bottle, do not fully tighten. When you have determined where you think will be a good placement place the strap there and mark it off.

6. Attach the picture hanger to the back of the board using the hammer to lightly tap the finish nails in place. (WARNING: Be careful, these nails tend to bend very easy, which is where the tack hammer if you have one comes in handy)

7. Now its time to use the strap to hold the clamp to the board. Line it up with here you earlier marked off and screw it to the board.

8. Put the strap around the bottle neck again, but this time tighten it.

All done! What's nice about this project is that you can constantly change the flowers based upon what time of year.

Tip: These are a great gift idea also!



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