

I posted my new design walls last week and mentioned that I would be doing a tutorial on it. So here we go. First, gather your materials. I made each of my walls 4'X4', but they could be made to fit any size you have the space for. I'm finding they make great bulletin boards too! One thing I forgot to mention in the list below was a handful of used sewing machine needles.



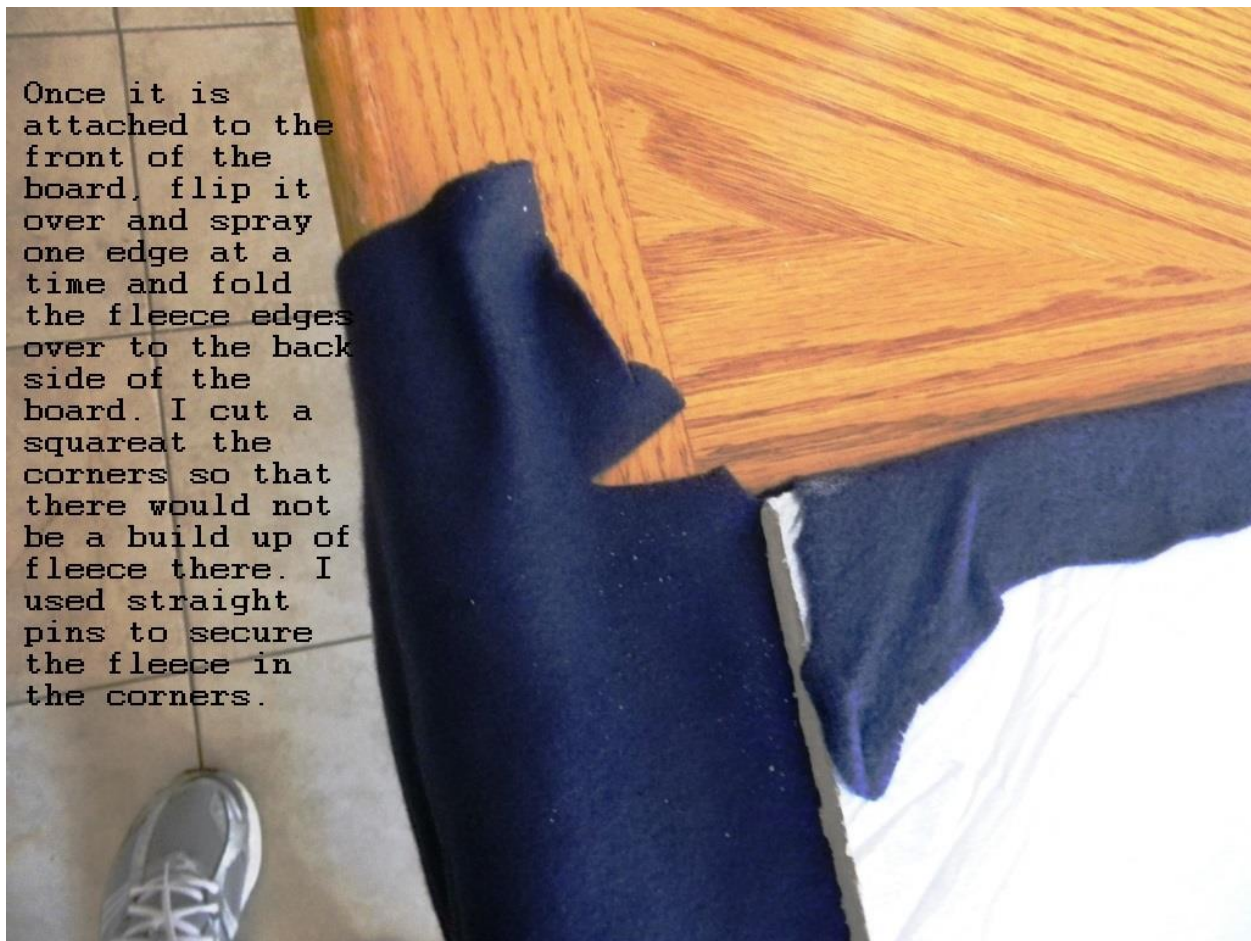
Cut your fleece the size of your board, plus 3 to 4 inches extra on each side. (ex. If your foam board is 48"X48", cut your fleece 56" square. You could also use flannel or felt but this time of year fleece is very inexpensive and comes in so many colors, and is 60" wide. Also fleece is thick enough to hide the imperfections and wrinkles in the board.

Choose which side of the foam board you will apply the spray to. I sprayed 1/2 of mine applied the fleece, then did the other half. The spray basing works well because you can re-position it if it has wrinkles or you get it off center. It's pretty sticky to work with so it's best to try and get it centered right the first time...I did not achieve this lofty goal and had to re-position several times.

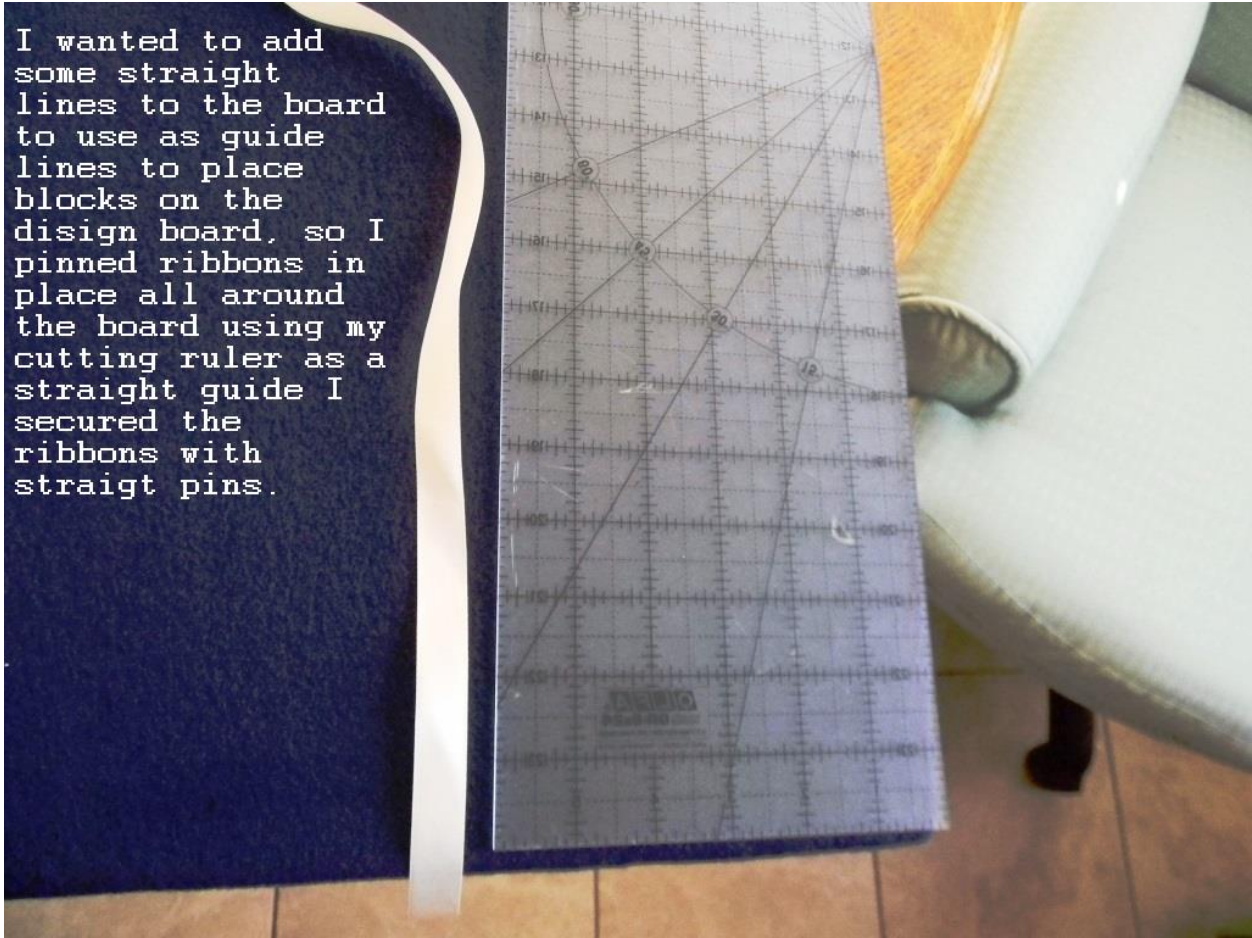


The spray basting kept the fleece tight and smooth on the board.

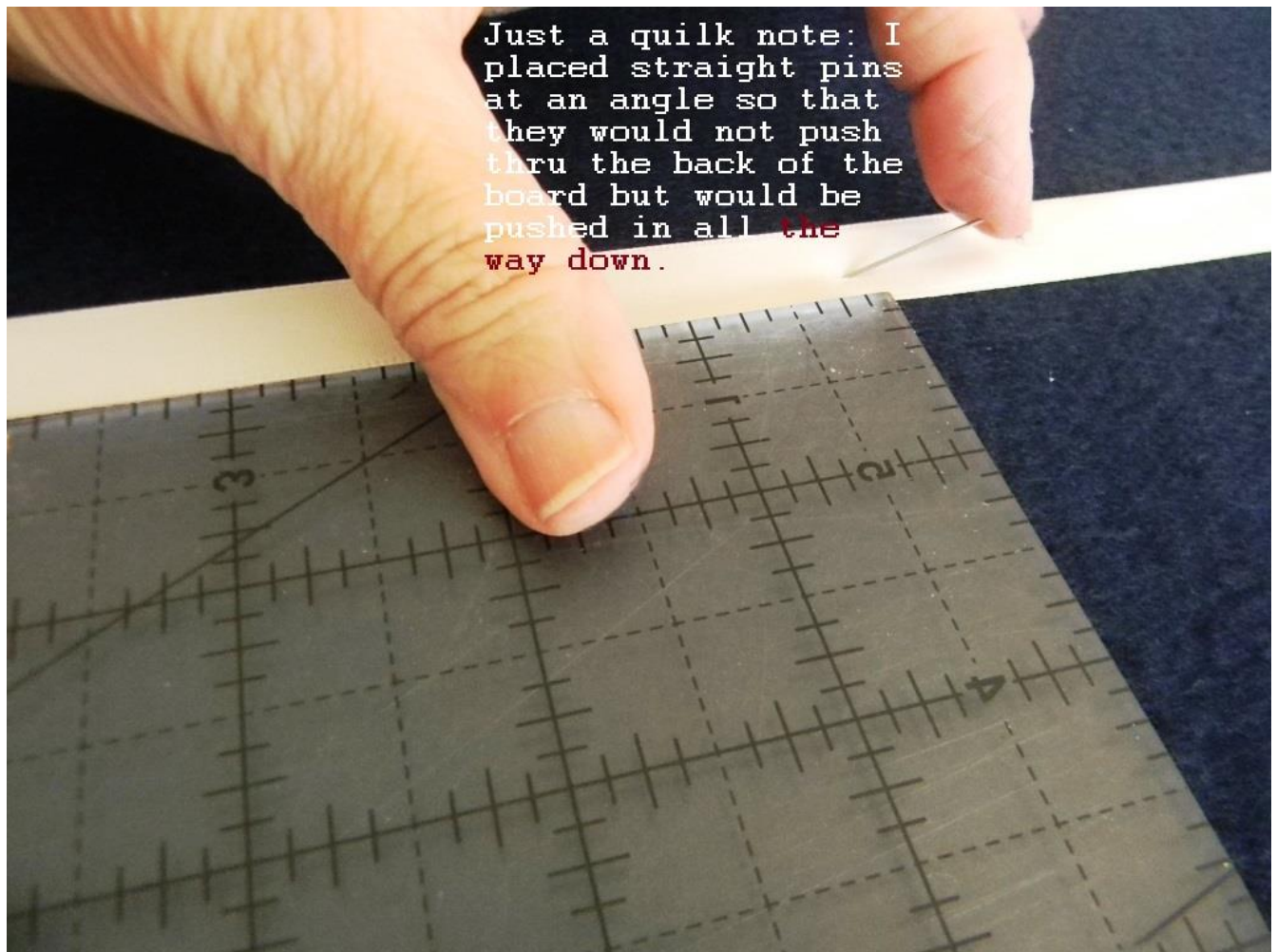
Once it is attached to the front of the board, flip it over and spray one edge at a time and fold the fleece edges over to the back side of the board. I cut a square at the corners so that there would not be a build up of fleece there. I used straight pins to secure the fleece in the corners.



I wanted to add some straight lines to the board to use as guide lines to place blocks on the design board, so I pinned ribbons in place all around the board using my cutting ruler as a straight guide I secured the ribbons with straight pins.



I liked the way the ribbons look and added a few more just for fun. They are not a necessary part of the board.



Just a quilk note: I placed straight pins at an angle so that they would not push thru the back of the board but would be pushed in all the way down.

Once the ribbons are in place you are ready to hang your design wall. This is where the used machine needles come in. I use them to hang the boards on the wall. They are very sturdy, but so thin, they don't make much of a hole in the wall when removed.

These were easy to hang without any help. I stuck old sewing machine needles into the board across the top and because the boards are so lightweight I could hold it with one hand and hammer with the other. Easy peasy!



The final result of 2 of the design boards.

