

Wooden Firecrackers

Supply List

- 1 - 6 1/2 foot by 3 1/2 inch wooden fence post
- 1 inch wood boring drill bit
- Frog Tape - we like the yellow for delicate
- Krylon ColorMaster Spray Paint - Bright White Satin, Navy Blue Gloss and Cherry Red Gloss
- 3/4 inch Rope - 18 inches long

Tool List

- 1 inch wood boring drill bit
- Table saw or hand saw
- Adjustable square
- Sharpie Marker
- X-ACTO Knife

Instructions

Step 1:

First you will need to get a 6 1/2 foot by 3 1/2 inch wooden fence post, they can be found at most farm supply stores or stores that sell lumber. Cut it into 3 lengths – 30 inch, 22 inch and 14 inches.

Step 2:

Then using a 1 inch wood boring bit, drill out a hole about 1 1/4" deep.

Step 3:

Then give them a good coat of white primer. We left them unsanded, because we wanted the Firecrackers to look rustic.

Step 4:

After the primer dries, it's time to paint. We used Bright White Satin, Navy Blue Gloss and Cherry Red Gloss.

Spray the poles completely white with the Krylon ColorMaster.

Step 5:

Using Frog Tape cover the entire pole.

Step 6:

Then mark each of the areas that will be painted, the stars and the stripes. The largest Firecracker is marked 9 inches from the top, the middle size 7 inches and the shortest one is 5 inches from the top. The stripes are each 2 inches wide and the pattern for the star was printed from an internet search.

Trace around a star template

Step 7:

Then cut and remove the Frog Tape from the areas for the red stripes, spray the edges with white paint to seal them down.

Step 8:

Then spray paint each of the poles with red, you may need several coats, let dry in between and then over night.

Step 9:

Recover the red stripes with tape

Step 10:

Cut out around the star where the blue paint will go, leaving the star covered with tape.

Spray with blue paint, you may need several coats, let it dry in between coats.

After the paint is completely dry, peel away all the tape.

Step 11:

Touch up using a small foam brush. Doug used the same spray paint, and just spray it into a container and then touched up around the edges, that way the color of the paint is the same.

Step 12:

Then cut pieces of rope and push into the holes for the wick. Glue in place if necessary.

For full picture tutorial, visit -

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