

How To Make A Pleater Board

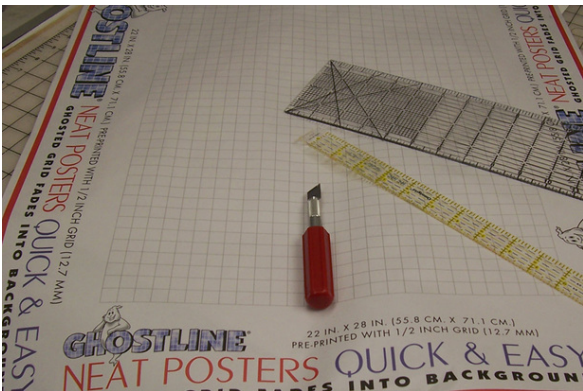
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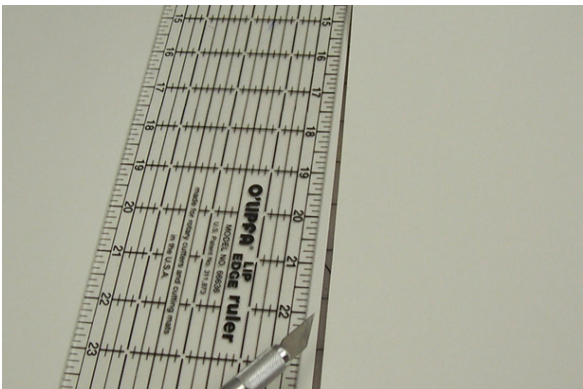
A simple way to make a "Pleater Board" for any size pleats in just minutes.

Step 1



The supplies are shown in this picture. I forgot to put the glue and the metallic ruler for the photo.

Step 2



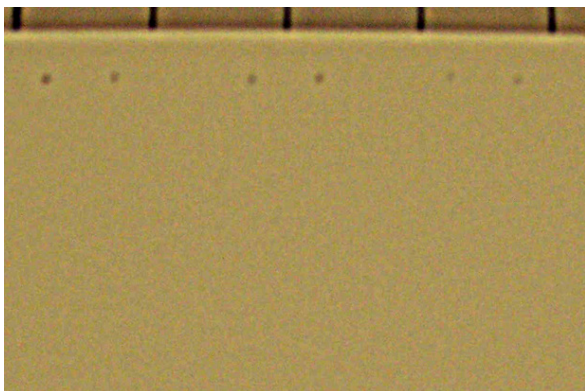
Cut the poster board into half length-wise. Use the acrylic ruler and the ghost line to make a straight cut.

Step 3



Flip the X-acto knife over and use the end to mark the top and bottom at the ghost lines at every one then half then one then half and so forth. Keep on marking until the whole piece is marked.

Step 4



You can see the marks in pencil at the top. I only marked them in pencil to make them more visible.

Step 5



Here you can see the same marks but in red and green permanent markers.

The red points are for the "Mountain Folds" and the green marks are for the "Valley Folds".

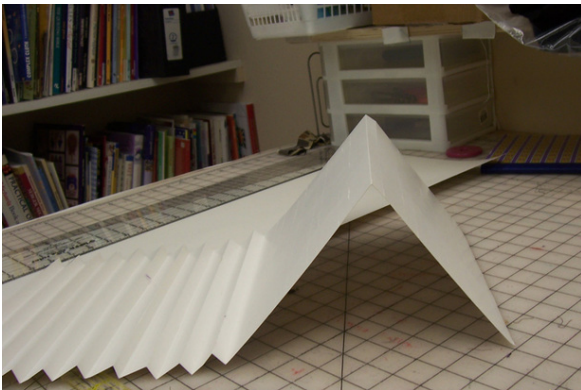
Step 6



Use the back end of the X-acto knife. Join the points on the top to the points at the bottom. The knife needs light pressure to score the lines. Do not push it too hard, otherwise the "pleats" will be separated.

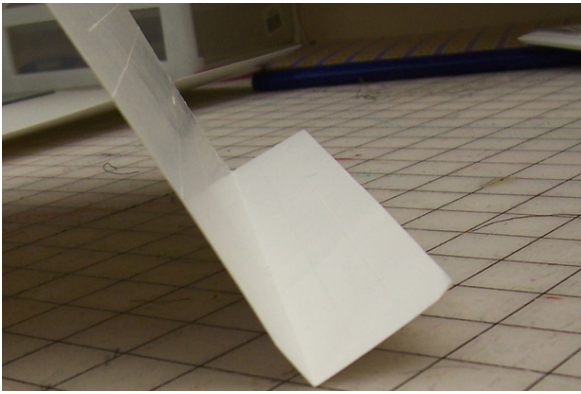
The Ghost Lines at every half inch mark will come in very handy.

Step 7



Now start folding the scored lines. The points at every inch are for the "Mountain Folds". The photo above is the "Mountain Fold".

Step 8



This photo shows a "Valley Fold". Each Mountain Fold is followed by a Valley Fold.

Step 9



This photo shows all the lines folded.

Step 10



Flip the folded poster board (that is with all the mountain and valley folds or pleats) over and squeeze generous amount of glue in each fold.
I am using Martha Stewart Glue, it dries quickly and does not make the paper wrinkly.
I would use the double sided glue next time. Double sided glue is not messy and eliminates the ironing step.

Step 11



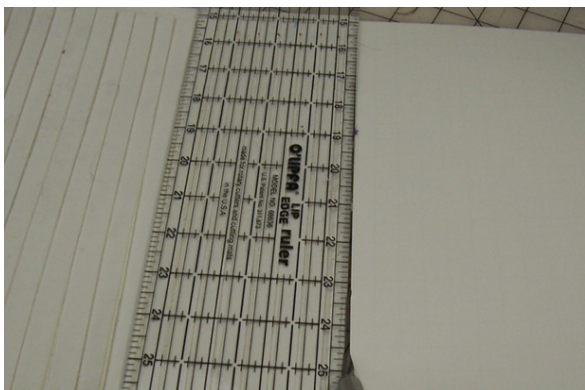
Now place the pleater board on the unfolded half of the poster board. Use the same glue or double sided tape to attach the pleats to the flat poster board. Use paper clips or pattern weight to hold the two pieces.

Step 12



If you are impatient like me and do not like to waste time, use iron on medium heat to dry all the glue. Place an ironing cloth on the pleater board and start "PRESSING". Do not move the iron back and forth.

Step 13



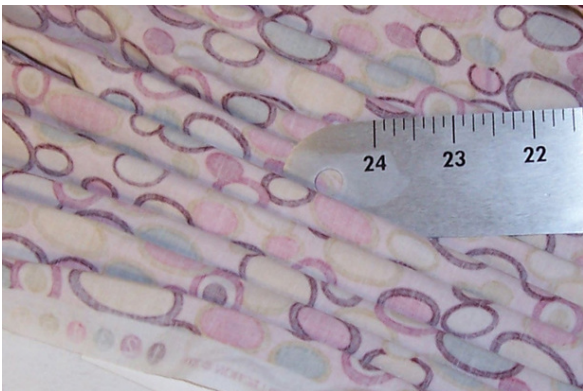
The "Pleater Board" is almost ready! Cut the outside or the parts of the flat poster board which are not the part of the pleats.
The board is all ready.

Step 14



How does my "Pleater Board" look? Not bad huh!

Step 15



Now it is time to check the board.
Start folding the fabric inside the pleats one at a time from the bottom end of the board. Use a metallic ruler to push the fabric into the each pleat.
For pleating use the wrong side of the fabric.

Step 16



"PRESS" the pleats down. Do not use steam and use the minimum allowed temperature. Use knit-fuse or any other light-weight fusible to fuse on the wrong side. Separate the pleats from the pleater board gently. After separating the fabric from the board you can iron it again according to the fabric usage direction. It is the time to use steam or higher temperature if the fabric can withstand it.

Step 17



Pleats all done. Don't they look nice. Please store the "Pleater Board" under a heavy book to keep it in "shape" until next use.

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