

DIY Rustic Winter Village

This collection of DIY rustic wooden houses are easy to make and add the perfect touch of winter charm to your dining table, mantle, and holiday decor.



Materials

- 1 1/2" thick lumber in varying widths
- Varathane Ultimate Wood Stain in "Kona"
- Rust-Oleum Chalked Paint in "Linen White"
- Rust-Oleum Chalked Paint in light base tinted to "Icy Grey" and "Sensible Sage"
- Rust-Oleum Chalked Clear Protective Top Coat

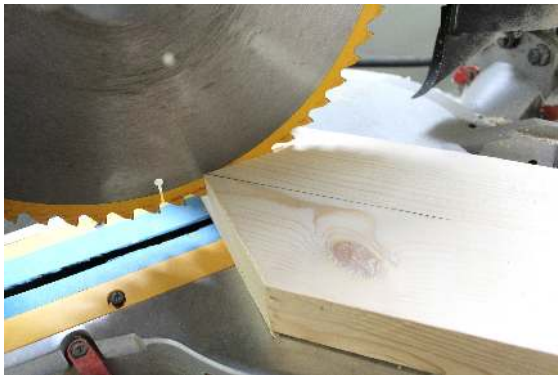
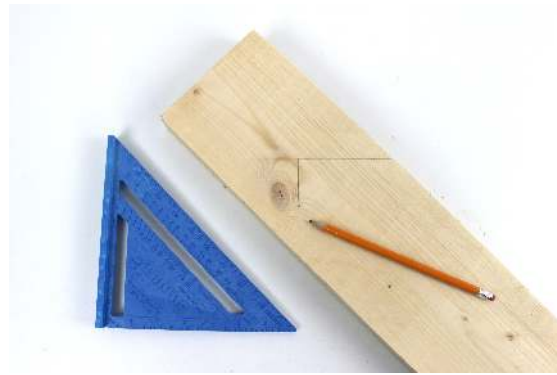
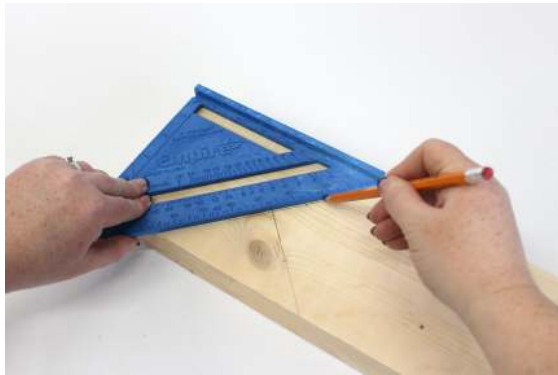
- Oval Chalked paint brush
- Saw (electric or handsaw)
- Drill with 1” speed spade drill bit
- Medium/ fine grit sanding paper
- 3/4” wide copper couplings to hold taper candles
- Workbench clamp
- Disposable gloves
- Lint-free rags
- Pencil
- Drop cloth
- Protective eye wear
- Small dish for water

Optional

- Pine cones
- Rust-Oleum Bright Coat Metallic Finish spray paint in “Copper”

How-To Instructions

•Using a speed square, draw 45 degree angles on the lumber, and cut cut using an electric or hand saw. Cut the lengths of each piece to varying sizes to create different heights for each of the wooden houses.



•Once all of the houses have been cut, layout your arrangement and determine which houses you'd like to drill for candle holders.



•Using a workbench clamp, secure the first wooden house, carefully drill a hole using a 1” speed spade drill bit.



•Sand the edges smooth on all wooden houses, and then wipe off clean with a cloth.



•Apply one coat of Varathane Ultimate Wood Stain in “Kona” with a lint-free cloth and allow to dry thoroughly.



- Using an oval Chlaked brush, apply one generous coat of Rust-Oleum Chalked paint in various colours over the stain and allow to dry.



- Once dry, fill a small contain with water and soak a lint-free rag. Start by rubbing the edges of the houses to remove some of the Chalked paint and reveal the darker wood stain underneath. This water-distressing technique works great with Chalked paint and avoids the mess of sanding.



- When you've achieved a distressed look that you like, coat all surfaces with Rust-Oleum's Chalked Matte Clear Protective Top Coat.



•Arrange your collection of houses, and then place the copper couplings into the drilled holes to hold your taper candles.



Optional

•For an added touch of copper, use Bright Coat Metallic Finish in Copper to spray paint small accessories like pine cones and bells to embellish your tabletop.



