



STEP 1: SELECT AND TRIM THE PRINT

Select the botanical print that you want to make. Everyone will have the opportunity to make two, but you may want to practice with the first one before making another.

Then, using either scissors or the paper cutters, trim around the border of the print. We recommend leaving an extra half an inch of white space around the top and bottom of the illustration. This is so you'll have some dead space to staple to the dowel rod later. You will be left with a 9" x 12" print.



STEP 2: MEASURE AND TRIM THE DOWEL ROD

Each participant will receive one 36" dowel rod.

Use a ruler and pencil to mark 9" on your dowel rod. Repeat this three times. You will be able to get four cuts out of the dowel rod, enough for framing the tops and bottoms of two prints!

Use the miter box and hand saw to cut the dowel rods at your marks.



STEP 3: SAND THE DOWEL ROD

Using fine grit sandpaper, lightly sand down the ends of your dowel rods being sure not to remove any length.



STEP 4: STAIN THE DOWEL ROD & ENJOY A SNACK!

Using the pot of stain and a brush, apply one coat of stain to your dowel rods. Gently wipe off excess stain with a paper towel for a quicker drying time. Gloves will be provided for those who do not want stain on their hands.

Once stained, place the paintbrush in the bowl of water to get clean. Set the painted dowel rods aside on the newspaper to dry for 15 minutes. Please label your pieces with your name on a Post It Note.

While the stain is drying, join us for a midafternoon snack. If you need to wash your hands, the kitchen is open and has a sink.



STEP 5: STAPLE THE DOWEL ROD TO THE PRINT

Align the dowel rods on the top and bottom edges of the print. Carefully turn over the print making sure the alignment did not shift, and use the staple gun to secure the backside of the print to the dowel rod. Three staples should do the trick. Use scissors to trim excess paper, if necessary. Repeat the same process for the bottom of your print.



STEP 6: ADD A TWINE HANGER

Next, cut about 1 foot of twine and staple each end to the backside of the canvas.

You're finished! Now for the fun part. Find a place where you can display this pretty piece in your home.