

Free Great Lakes Lighthouse Barn Quilt Pattern



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*Print. Assemble.
Transfer. Paint.
Enjoy!*

WHAT YOU ARE RECEIVING:

1. **PDF digital download printable traceable pattern. (A four-page 12-inch pattern or nine-page 24-inch pattern)**
2. **Three-page instruction sheet included (this document)**
3. **No physical product is included**

Sample illustration shown at left is for inspiration and color reference.

SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

- 12×12-inch or 24×24-inch wood panel. For outdoor use, choose a smooth-faced, exterior-rated plywood such as ACX.
- The printed and assembled PDF traceable pattern
- Sheets of carbon paper (Six for 24" pattern, Two for 12" pattern)
- Colored pencil or stylus for tracing
- For Inside Boards: Acrylic Craft Paint
- For Outdoor Boards: Quality exterior acrylic/latex paint
- Assorted paintbrushes: foam or larger brush for broad areas, plus small angled and detail brushes
- Clean, dry cloth or paper towel
- Clear tape for taping the pattern together and securing the pattern to the board for tracing

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES

- Blue painter's tape or Frog tape for crisp edges
- Yardstick or long straightedge
- Black acrylic paint pen, or black paint and a detail brush
- Sandpaper or Sandpaper block
- Exterior rated wood filler (use only if knots or holes in board)

Suggested Colors for THIS DESIGN

Cream, Mustard Yellow, Rust, Sage Green, Dark Green, Medium Blue, Navy Blue, Blue Gray, Brown, Charcoal/Black

Create the lighter and darker variations by mixing a little cream, black, or brown into the main colors rather than purchasing numerous separate shades.

Colors are suggestions only.

Choose your favorite shades and make it your own!

IMPORTANT: PATTERN USAGE

Your purchase includes a personal-use license for one individual to create this project. You may reprint individual pages as needed for your own project.

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Barn Quilt Painting Instructions

Read through all steps before beginning.

1. Print and Assemble the Pattern:

- Download and open the pattern PDF.
- Print on US Letter (8.5" × 11") paper using Actual Size or 100%.
- Do not select Fit to Page, Shrink to Fit, or another scaling option.
- **For a 24" × 24" pattern:** Arrange pages 1–3 across the top, 4–6 across the middle, and 7–9 across the bottom.
- **For a 12" × 12" pattern:** Arrange pages 1–2 across the top and pages 3–4 across the bottom.
- Cut along the printed square boundaries.
- Arrange the sections in order, carefully match the adjoining design lines, and tape the pages together from the front or back.

2. Prepare the Board:

- Lightly sand any rough areas, splinters or imperfections as needed. **For outdoor plywood**, fill any cracks, holes or exposed edge voids with exterior-compatible wood filler and sand smooth.
- Remove all dust with a clean, dry cloth.
- **For indoor wood barn quilts:** Primer is optional.
- **For outdoor wood barn quilts:** Apply two coats of quality exterior-rated primer to the front, back and all four edges. Pay special attention to complete coverage along the edges.
- Allow all products to dry or cure according to the manufacturer's directions before tracing and painting.

3. Transfer the Design:

- Cover the board with carbon paper, dark side down. Slightly overlap the sheets so no areas are missed. Most 12 × 12-inch projects require approximately two sheets; most 24 × 24-inch projects require approximately six.
- Your board may not measure exactly 12 × 12 or 24 × 24 inches. Center the assembled pattern and adjust its placement before tracing.
- Tape the top edge of the pattern securely to the board, creating a hinge. This allows you to lift the pattern and check the transferred lines without losing its position.
- First test a small area to make sure the design will transfer clearly.
- Slowly trace every line using a colored pencil or stylus. A red colored pencil makes it easier to see which lines you have already traced.
- If you prefer, use a yardstick or long straightedge to help trace long, straight lines.
- Check the transferred design before removing the pattern and carbon paper.
- NOTE: Carbon paper is sensitive to pressure. Take care to only trace the pattern lines to avoid "extra" confusing lines or marks.

4. Paint:

- **INDOOR BARN QUILTS:** Craft acrylic paint is fine.
- **OUTDOOR BARN QUILTS:** For best durability, use a quality exterior acrylic/latex house paint.
- Work one color or one section at a time. Allow neighboring colors to dry when necessary.
- Apply thin, even coats until you have smooth, solid coverage. Most colors will need about two coats; some colors may need an additional coat.
- Painter's tape can help create crisp straight edges. Press it down firmly and remove it carefully before the paint completely hardens.

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5. Add Optional Details

- Follow the finished example, or after the paint has dried, add outlines or small details with an appropriate paint pen or detail brush using the same type of paint recommended for your project.

6. Finish!

- Allow the finished paint to dry and cure according to the paint manufacturer's directions before hanging.
- **Indoor barn quilts:** A protective clear finish is optional.
- **Outdoor barn quilts:** A clear topcoat is not always necessary when quality exterior primer and exterior paint are used. Good preparation, complete paint coverage and well-protected edges are the most important defenses against weather.
- If you choose to apply a clear finish, use one specifically rated for exterior use and confirm that it is compatible with your paint. Follow the manufacturer's directions for application and curing.
- Before hanging outdoors, make sure the front, back, edges and corners are completely protected with primer and/or exterior paint and that no bare wood is exposed.

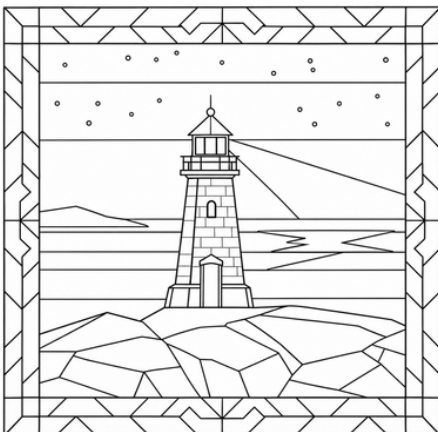
7. Hanging

- Allow your barn quilt to cure completely before hanging.
- Choose mounting hardware appropriate for the size and weight of your barn quilt and the surface where it will be installed.
- For outdoor quilts, secure the quilt firmly so wind cannot lift or move it.
- Whenever possible, avoid placing screws or fasteners where they may allow water to enter exposed wood. If you drill through the board, protect the hole with exterior paint or sealant before installation.
- For large or high installations, use appropriate mounting hardware and professional assistance when needed.

Maintenance: Inspect outdoor barn quilts periodically for fading, peeling, exposed wood or moisture damage. Touch up exterior paint as needed.

Indoor Barn Quilt Painting Tip:

On unprimed wood, paint may feather slightly into the grain. Do not dilute the paint with water or any other medium. Allow adjoining sections to dry before painting the next color.



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