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How To Make a Folding Design Wall

- 2 pieces of foam insulation board, each measuring 2 inches x 4 feet x 8 feet (available in home improvement stores)
- Duct tape
- Flannel (see the note in step 1 below)
- Lots of straight pins with large heads (or T-pins)
- Scissors



Instructions

1. You can make one very large (96 x 96 inches) design wall by taping two uncut pieces of foam insulation together, or you can cut the boards to 4 x 6 feet and you'll end up with a large design wall (60 x 96 inches) and one smaller wall (48 x 48).

Note: You'll need flannel large enough for the taped-together pieces, plus 6 inches added to both the length and width. Flannel sheets work perfectly for this (that way you won't have a seam on your design wall).

- Flannel measurements:
 - For a 96 x 96-inch wall, you need a piece of flannel 102 x 102 inches.
 - For a 60 x 96-inch wall, you need a piece of flannel 66 x 102 inches.
 - For a 48 x 48-inch wall, you need a piece of flannel 54 x 54.

2. Lay the two pieces of foam side-by-side on a flat surface and tape all along the front seam. (See Figure 1.)



Figure 1.

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3. Fold one piece of foam on top of the other with the duct tape acting as a hinge. Tape along the sides and add three large pieces of duct tape horizontally along the seam, top, middle, and bottom. (See Figure 2.)



Figure 2.

4. Open the foam and stand it on end with the seam oriented vertically. (The side with the long piece of tape is the front.)
5. Center the flannel on the front of the foam and begin pinning all the way around the edges. Fold the fabric at the four corners as though you are wrapping a package. Pin the fabric every two inches, slightly stretching the flannel as you go. Pin and re-pin as necessary to make sure the flannel is taut.
Note: If desired, you can also cover the back.
6. To enable the design wall to fold, cut the fabric along the top and bottom edge where the two foam boards are hinged. (See Figure 3.)



Figure 3.

Now you have a design wall that will easily fold out of the way when not in use. You can store it under your bed, behind a door, or in a closet.

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