

Galvanized Steel Sign Tutorial

These signs are very “hot” right now and they are reasonably easy to make. You will need:

1. Frame – your choice of size. I like these from Hobby Lobby that are very inexpensive.



<https://www.hobbylobby.com/Home-Decor-Frames/Frames-Photo-Albums/Wall-Frames/Oak-Wall-Frame---11%22-x-14%22/p/37969>
The 11 x 14 is \$5.99 and Hobby Lobby put them on ½ price often.

2. Galvanized Steel (not aluminum) – I found a roll of it at Home Depot.



I like the 20” wide, but it does come in various widths. Be sure to get gauge 28 or higher as it is thinner and easier to cut to size. I have an industrial guillotine cutter that makes it easy. If you don’t have access to a cutter, you might want to purchase pieces that are cut to the size you need.

3. Heavy gloves, Flat Head Screwdriver and another piece of cardboard or chipboard the size of the interior of the frame.



The metal is extremely sharp. Definitely wear some heavy gloves when handling the metal.

4. With a flat head screwdriver, bend the tabs up to release the backing.



5.

Remove the Cardboard backing and set it aside. You will need it after you insert the metal. Carefully remove the glass. You will not use it for this project, but I always keep mine for upcoming projects.



6.

Decide which way you are going to insert the metal into your frame. Mine still has a curve to it so I put the "bowed" side to the back of the frame. **BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR GLOVES!**



7.

Gently push the metal into the frame, easing in the curve (if you have one). Layer the piece of cardboard that came with the frame and then the piece you cut. With the flat head screwdriver, bend the tabs back down to hold all of the pieces in.



8. *OPTIONAL*

I apply a very small amount of soft wax to the WOOD portion of the frame to give it a nice look. If you use a more expensive frame, this may not be needed. I use Annie Sloan Soft Wax – Clear - because it is what I have in my stash.

