



Looking for something to do?
 Does your room need something bright and new?
 Would your mother like more order, too?
 Then here may be something just for you!

A Bulletin Board!

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Where have you put that dance program or party favor that you wanted to keep, or the darling pictures that were taken at Jan's party that were too big to put in your billfold but too "cute" to shut up in an album, or how about all those pennants, pins, and newspaper clippings that you want others to see? But how, that's the question? How about a bulletin board? Here's one that might strike your fancy, and the best part of all, it doesn't cost much, is easy to make, is easily moved about and also attractive. Why not try it?

Directions For Making An Attention-Getting Burlap Bulletin Board
(Illustration on front cover)

Other suggested materials: Felt, Indian Head.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR BURLAP BULLETIN BOARD:

- 1-1/2 yards of 52-inch burlap, cut in half lengthwise to insure even hanging with the lengthwise grain of the material for the length of the hanging.
or
- 3/4 yard of 52-inch burlap can be used by using the crosswise threads of the material for the length but a slight amount of sagging may result. The lengthwise of the fabric is recommended.

Burlap comes in a large range of decorator colors to suit any individual's personality or taste preference.

- Thread to match.
- Two 30-inch dowels, each 1/2-inch thick.
- For hanging buy 2-1/2 yards of 1/4-inch polypropylene cord or similar material from the hardware store. Try to find attractive material so it will add to the decorativeness of the hanging.
- 3 brass rings 3/4-inch in diameter.

To Make A Burlap Bulletin Board:
(Using 1-1/2 yards of 52-inch fabric).

1. Divide material in half along lengthwise thread, pull thread and cut, making two 1-1/2 yard pieces, 26 inches wide. Put away one piece for use some other day.
2. Straighten material by drawing a thread on either end. Cut on drawn thread.
3. Remove the selvage from the one side of your material.
4. Edge stitch all the raw edges of material by machine (10 to 12 stitches per inch) 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch from each edge, depending on how much your material ravel.
5. Fold lengthwise sides of material under 1/4 inch. Press.

6. Fold sides under 1 inch for hem. Lay hem by measuring, pinning and pressing in place.
7. Slip stitch hem.
8. Remove pins. Press lightly to avoid scar on front of hanging.
9. Fold top of hanging under 1/4 inch. Press.
10. Finish your dowel rod with clear seal in advance. Make a hem wide enough for dowel rod to fit in snugly. A 1/2-inch dowel rod would require a hem of approximately 1-1/8 inches. Lay hem by measuring, pinning, and pressing. Slipstitch into place, using a single thread. Press lightly. Insert rod into finished hem.
11. Repeat steps 9 and 10 for finishing the bottom of the hanging.
12. Sew securely in place the 3 brass rings on the back of the top hem 3/4-inch from each end and one in the middle.
13. Place the decorative cord through the 2 brass rings on the ends of the top hem. Place cord through the rings and around dowel next to the fabric and make a double loop to insure a secure hold.
14. Make tassels at the ends of the cord by making a double loop 3 inches from the end of the cord and then combing fabric ends.
15. The next step is up to you!

Up it goes!

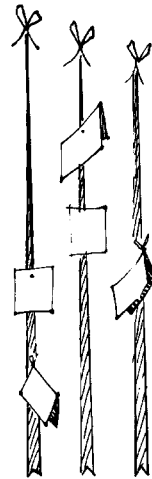
Now that you have made one for yourself, is there someone else that you know of who might like one?

Additional Bulletin Board Ideas

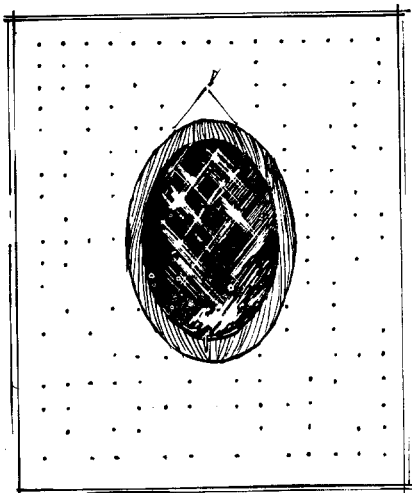
There is more than one way to make a bulletin board and with your own imagination and creativity you can make a board for yourself that will satisfy your own needs and interests.

You might like to try your hand at one of the following bulletin boards:

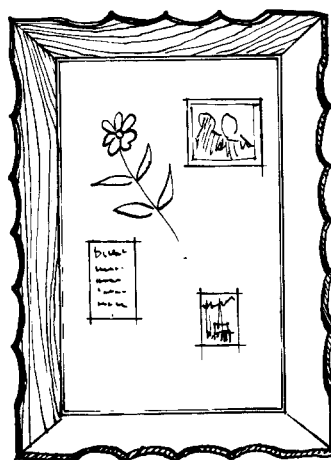
1. Three long ribbons or felt pieces at least 4 inches wide, hung on the wall with a pert bow or other decorative idea at the top. Fancy hat pins might then be used to pin dance programs, dried corsages, and other sentimental souvenirs of happy occasions on the ribbons or felt pieces.



2. Use a peg board. If you expect to use hooks or other hardware, hang it about 1/4 inch from the wall. Pegs used to attach articles to the bulletin board are available from any educational supply company and come in a variety of colors. Wood golf tees are another possibility. They have broader heads than pegs and give larger spots of color emphasis. Never use pins, staples, and tacks because the peg board surface resists these pointed objects and will not allow them to go in far enough to support the weight of the objects to be displayed.



3. If you want a frame, an unused picture frame may be pressed into service. Remove the glass and cut a bulletin board the size of the glass from wall board, soft pine or plywood. You might try decorating with colors used in other room furnishings by covering the bulletin board in a harmonizing fabric before inserting it into the frame. You could paint the frame a complementary or a similar color to the bulletin board fabric.



Bulletin Board Tips

- Arrange your souvenirs and treasures in an orderly manner
- Keep the board up-to-date
- Discard those articles that have become shabby and those you no longer care for