♡ Custom Frame ♡

Perler Bead Framing Tutorial

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♡ MATERIALS ♡

♡ E6000 Glue

♡ (4) 1" Square Dowel Rods

♡ 1/4" Plywood

♡ Picture frame hanging kit,
(depending on the weight you could go with the saw style, or the wire hanger)

♡ Stick on felt pads

♡ Clamps or Weights, 5-10lb.

♡ Heavy Books

♡ Paint or stain of your choice

♡ Sanding Block/Paper

♡ Pencil

♡ Wood Filler

♡ Phillips Screwdriver

♡ Hammer

♡ T-Square (Or a ruler is fine if you're careful)

♡ Color Key (Optional)

♡ Circular Saw

**The sizes/amounts needed vary depending on the size of your project. Be sure to measure your creation well!*

Measure twice, cut once.

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This tutorial is a general guide to help guide you through making a custom frame for your piece.
All of the measurments and amounts are based on your unique project size.

IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE/EXPERIENCED USING POWER TOOLS,
PLEASE ASK SOMEONE ELSE FOR HELP OR DO NOT USE THIS TUTORIAL.

♡ STEP 1 ♡

After you've gathered your materials, you're going to want to measure out your project.
Take your plywood and lay it on a flat surface; put your project flat on top.
Don't just trace the immediate edge of your project.
Lay out the dowel rods around it so that you can account for the area where they will sit.
Lightly mark where your cut lines should be, just on the other side of your rods.

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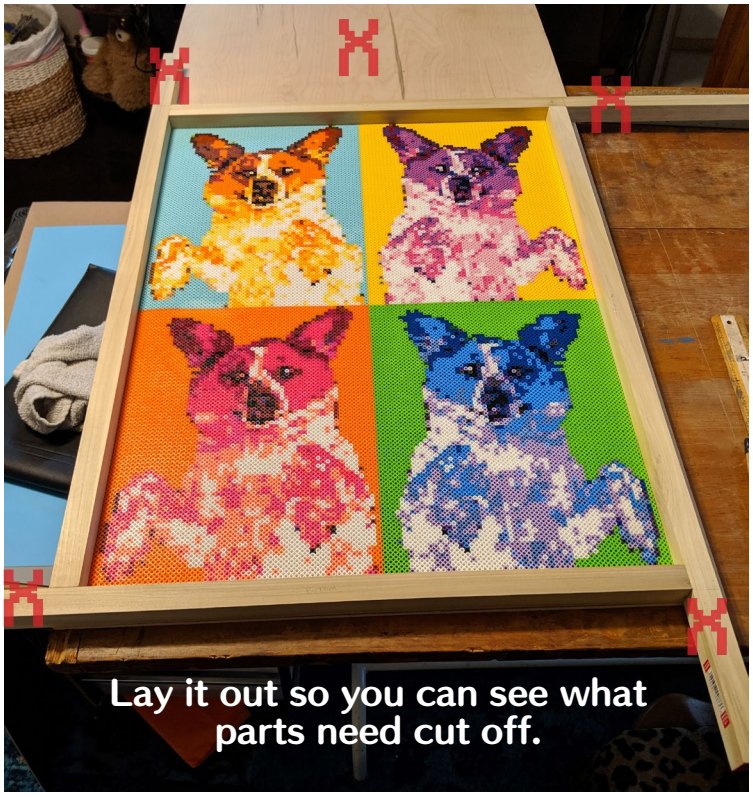
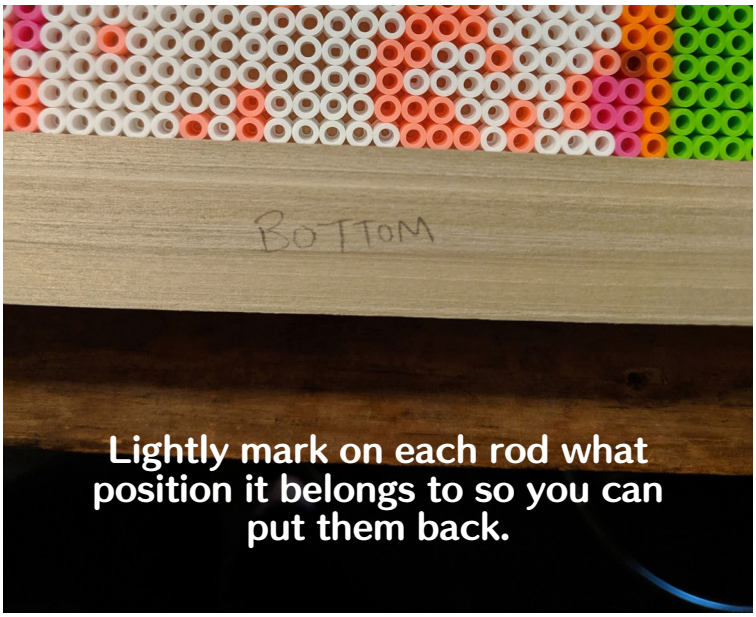
♡ STEP 2 ♡

After you place all of your rods, mark where they meet and form a corner so that you know where to cut.

Then mark the dowel rods with their position lightly in pencil.





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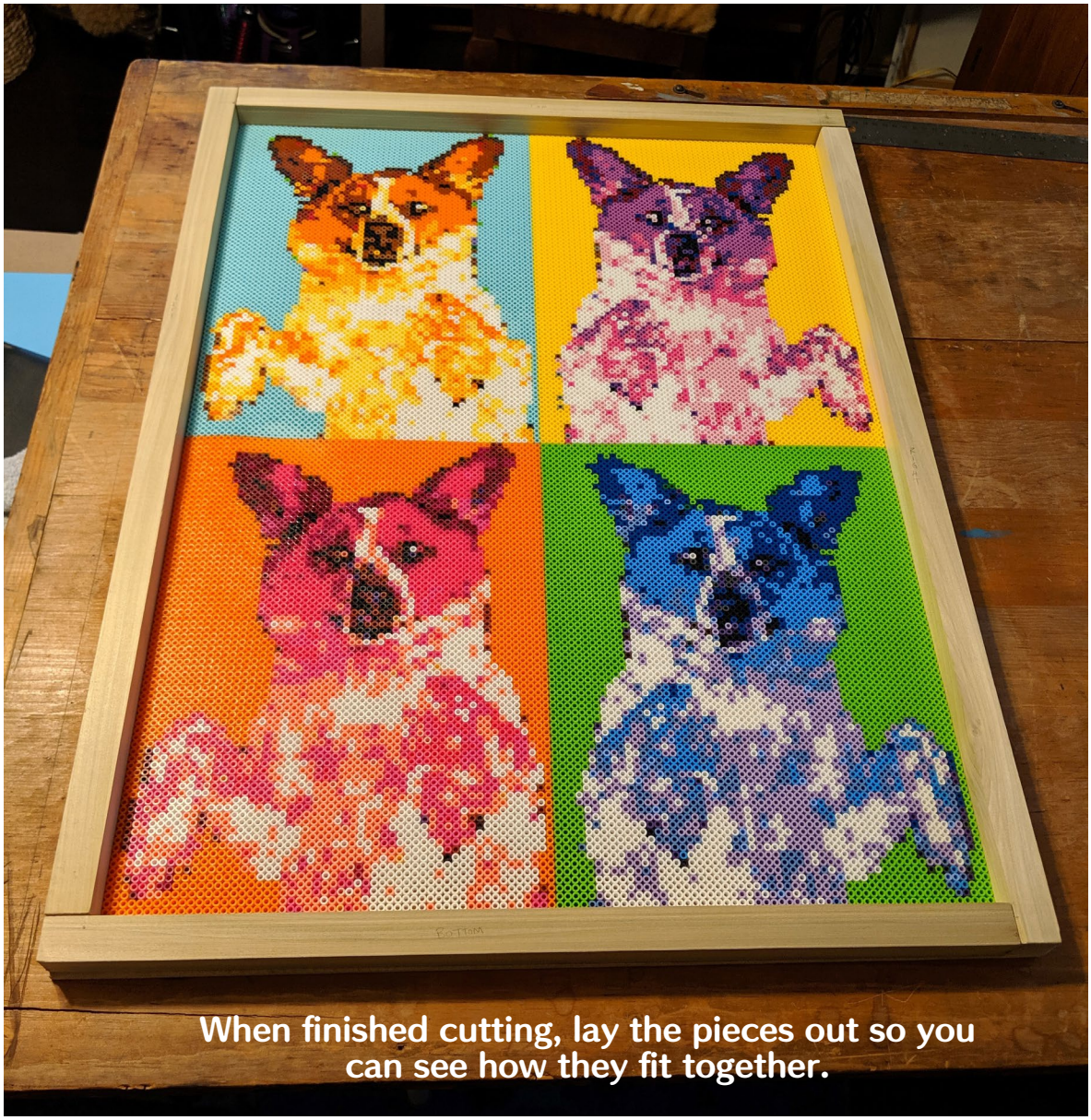
♡ STEP 3 ♡

I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURYS THAT MAY OCCUR.
PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN USING POWERTOOLS OF ANY KIND.

TAKE CARE TO WEAR SAFETY PROTECTION LIKE GOGGLES AND GLOVES AND BE SURE THERE IS NOTHING OBSTRUCTING YOUR WORKSPACE OR DISTRACTING IN YOUR AREA.

Now you're ready to cut. Take your saw and cut all the lines you marked before.
Make sure you have the opposite end of what you are cutting secured.
When you're finished lightly sand the edges and line them back up against your project to make sure everything fits. If you were a little off, you can use wood filler to fill in the gaps.



When finished cutting, lay the pieces out so you can see how they fit together.

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♡ STEP 4 ♡

Once you have it all cut, lined up and ready to piece together we're going to do just that. Take your wood glue and generously coat your dowel rod. Don't make it so it'll squeeze out a lot on the sides, but enough that there aren't any spots without glue. If some squeezes out you can use a damp cloth to wipe it off.

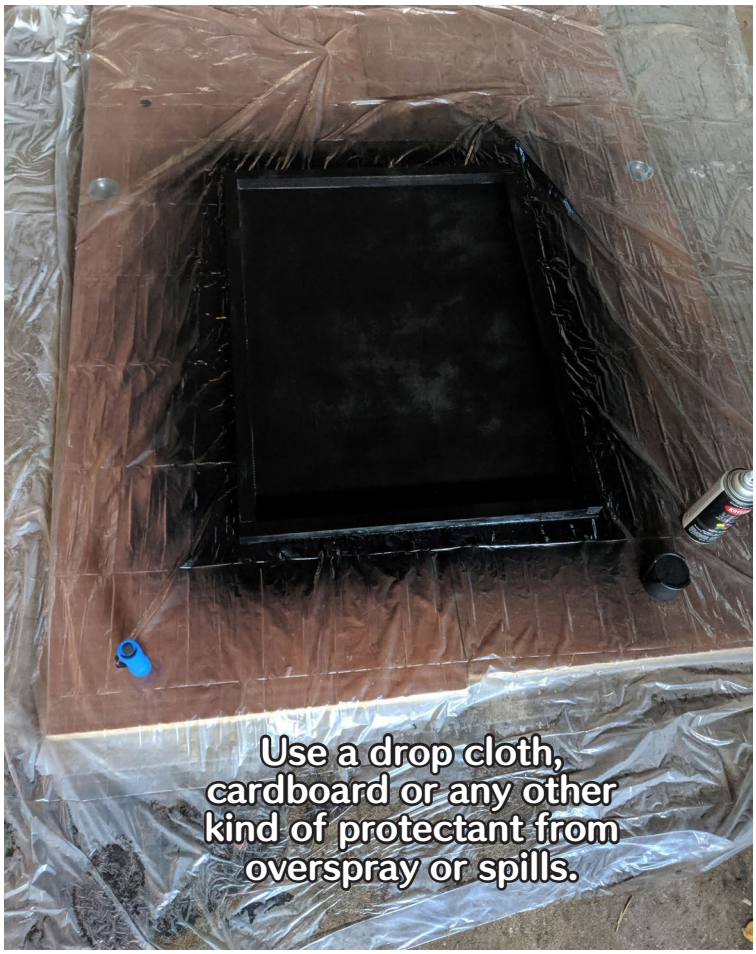
I did one piece at a time because I only had two 10lb weights. I glued the bottom piece, put the weights on it. Let it dry until the glue was clear. Moved on to another piece, did the same thing until all four pieces were glued down. This will take about a day to do it piece by piece. If you have more weights, you could do it in a few hours.

♡ STEP 5 ♡

Now that everything is glued down and dried, you can choose to leave it natural, stain it or paint it. I've chosen to spray paint it.

You're going ot want to do this in a well ventilated area (like outside or a garage).

The paint times and amount of coats will vary depending on what you get. Follow the instructions on the product you get.



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♡ STEP 6 ♡

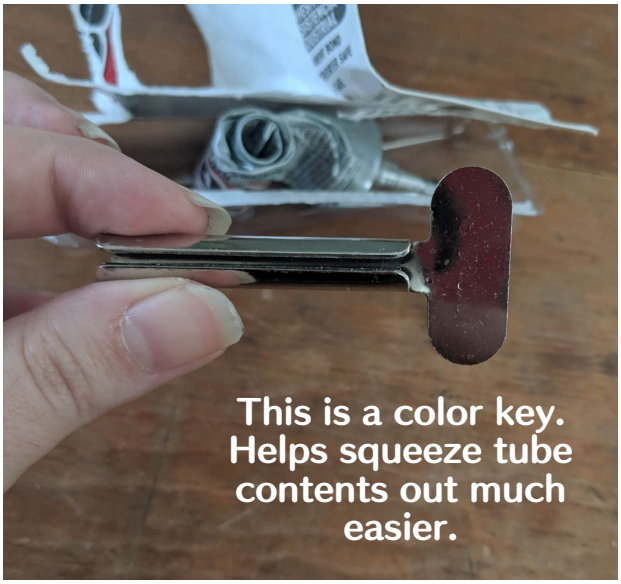
After it dries completely you're ready to glue down your project.

Using your E6000 it's important to do it in a place that is also well ventilated as it has very harsh fumes. The larger the project, the more it will stink. My project here in the photos is about 16" x 20" and I used an entire tube of glue..

You don't have to, but I used a color key to squeeze all the glue out of the tube easier. You want to coat the entire inside of the frame with glue, zigzags are fine, just don't leave too much space between zags. Be sure to get the edges fairly well, but not too much so it will squeeze out from the edges.

Very carefully starting at the bottom lay your project over the glue. Once layed down, firmly flatten it with your hands, smoothing out any puffy spots.

I used heavy books to lay overtop of the project while the glue dries. Leave the books on it for about 24 hours for the glue to fully cure.



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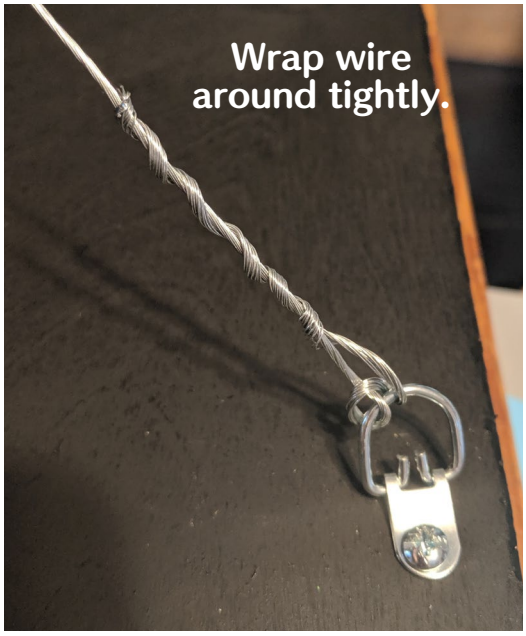
♡ STEP 7 ♡

Once your glue is dry and you can safely flip your frame over it's time to add the finishing touches.

Depending on which type of hanger you chose, you can attach that now. Use a T-square to make sure you're placing the holder center and evenly.

If your project is heavy enough to use the wire hanger like mine, be sure to wrap your wire tightly so that it doesn't come off with the weight.

Pilot your screw hole to prevent the dowel rod from splitting. To do this easily, use a nail smaller than your screw and hammer it in about 1/4 of the way. Remove the nail, and screw in your screw there.



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♡ STEP 8 ♡

Place the felt pads on the corners to proect your wall from scuffing.

That's it! Hang it up and you're good to go!

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