

# Personalized Sign

*Craft a monogram sign with twigs from your yard. It's easier than it looks!*

Crafter level: Easy

Time needed: 1 hour

## What you'll need

- 8" x 10" x 1" block of wood
- Sandpaper, pencil and ruler
- Drill with  $\frac{3}{8}$ " dia. bit
- Outdoor paint (we used cream color) and brushes
- Letter from the monogram templates provided (make sure to just print out the page with the letter you want to use)
- Scissors and tape
- Twigs of various lengths ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " dia.)
- Wood glue
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yd. ribbon
- Leaves (optional)



## How to make it

1. Using ruler and pencil, mark a dot about 1 in. down from the top of the wood block, centered. With drill and bit, drill through wood block at marked hole (for hanging). Lightly sand rough edges with sandpaper.
2. Apply two coats of paint to front and sides of the wood block. Let dry between coats.
3. Choose your monogram from the templates provided and print out the letter you want to use. Carefully cut around the monogram letter on the printout to create a stencil. Center the letter on the wood block and tape in place.
4. Lightly trace around all edges of the stencil letter onto the wood block with pencil. Remove the stencil.
5. Begin placing your twigs onto the wooden block covering your pencil marked outline as you go. Try to ensure the flattest part of the twigs lie face down. Cover your letter completely before gluing any pieces on. When you have the look you desire, glue the twig pieces down with wood glue, working from top to bottom. Glue on a few leaves (optional) for a spot of color.
6. To finish it off, loop the ribbon through the hole at the top of the wooden block and knot it. Tie a bow if you choose. Hang the sign by your front door to protect it a bit from the weather.