

# MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS POSTERS

1. If you have a poster that has come folded, spread it out on a flat surface and let the creases relax for at least 24 hours. Use an iron set on low (no steam), place a cloth between the poster and the iron then iron out the creases using lots of pressure. If your poster came rolled up spread it out flat for at least 24 hours.
2. Use at least 7mm — 9mm thick exterior plywood to mount the posters onto.
3. Paint the front (poster side) of your plywood sheet with two coats of flat white which will seal the plywood surface. This will help to prevent bubbling and the white helps the poster to retain its colour.
4. Use small scissors to cut out the poster.  
**If the poster is large or came folded you may cut it along the folds into smaller sections which are easier to handle.** Lay the poster pieces down on the plywood in their correct positions (like a jigsaw puzzle). Trace around the outside edges with a pencil as a positional guide for later on.
5. Use a waterproof or PVA carpenters glue eg. Aquadhere. Thin it slightly with water to make it brush easily. Apply a good coat of glue to the back of the poster and then position the poster onto the plywood.
6. Carefully smooth out the wrinkles and excess glue using a cloth. Begin at the centre and work out toward the edges. Keep returning to the poster every few minutes to smooth out any new wrinkles that occur. If there are persistent bubbles after a while that you can't flatten then use a razor blade to slit them and then press them down.
7. Allow the poster to dry face up for at least 24 hours. Check for bubbles popping up throughout this period.
8. Using a pencil trace a line about 5mm outside the edge of the poster all the way around.
9. Use a jigsaw, coping saw, saber saw or band saw to cut out the figures. It is very important to use a fine tooth blade. Cut to the edge of the pencil line.
10. Sand all edges and fill any gaps with wood filler or putty. Apply a pink primer to this margin and the side edge of the plywood. Then using a small artists brush paint the margin and side edges with flat black or the highlighting colour of your choice.
11. Pink prime the back side of the plywood, cut out, then paint it with an exterior colour that looks attractive and blends in with your garden.
12. Finally you must weatherproof the front, back and sides of the display using a sealer. Most people use slate and pebble clear sealer. Try to choose one with non yellowing and U.V. resistance mentioned on the tin. Apply the first coat carefully to make sure that the poster is not reacting to the sealer. Then apply three or four more coats to build up a good weatherproof barrier.

**Do not use shellac, lacquer or varnish.  
Set the figures up on your lawn or  
roof and spotlight them at night for the  
enjoyment of passersby.**