

Wall Shelf

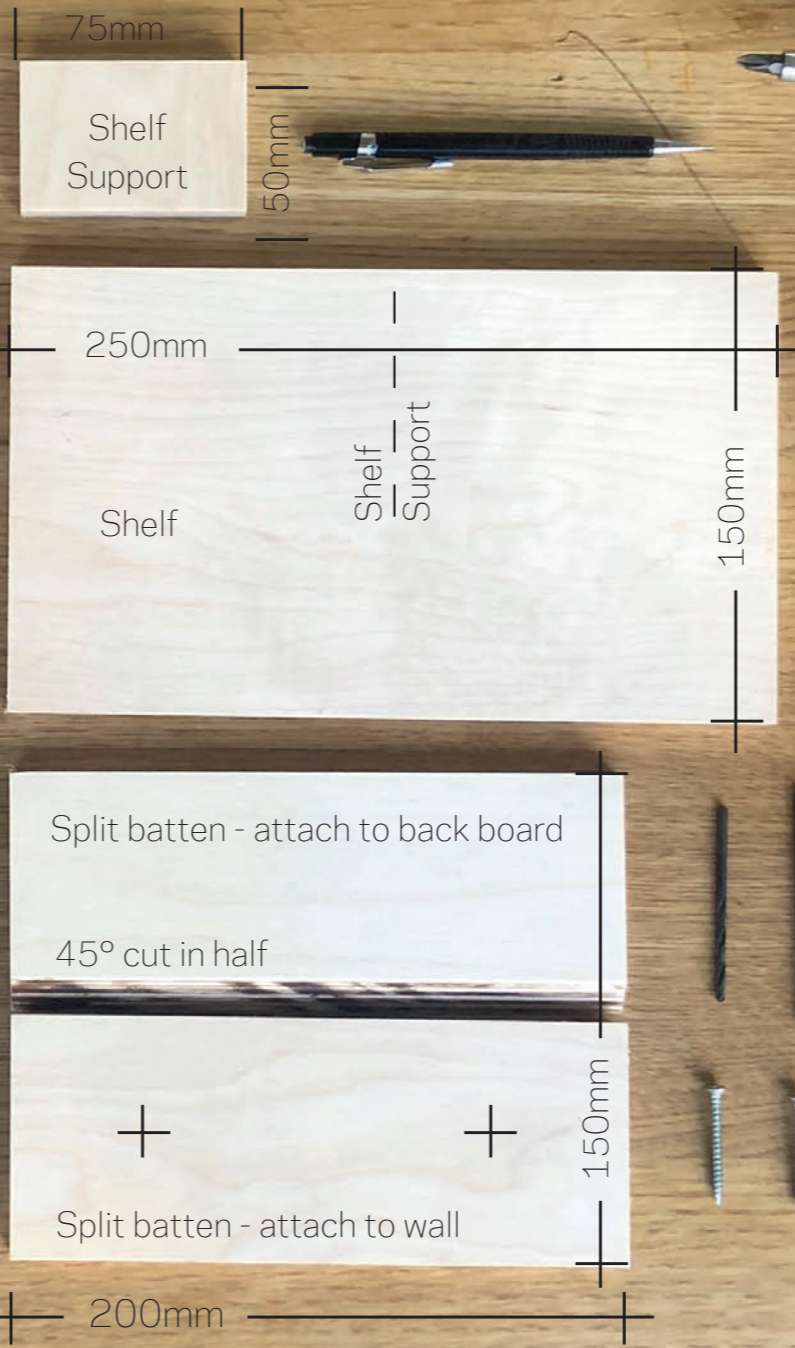
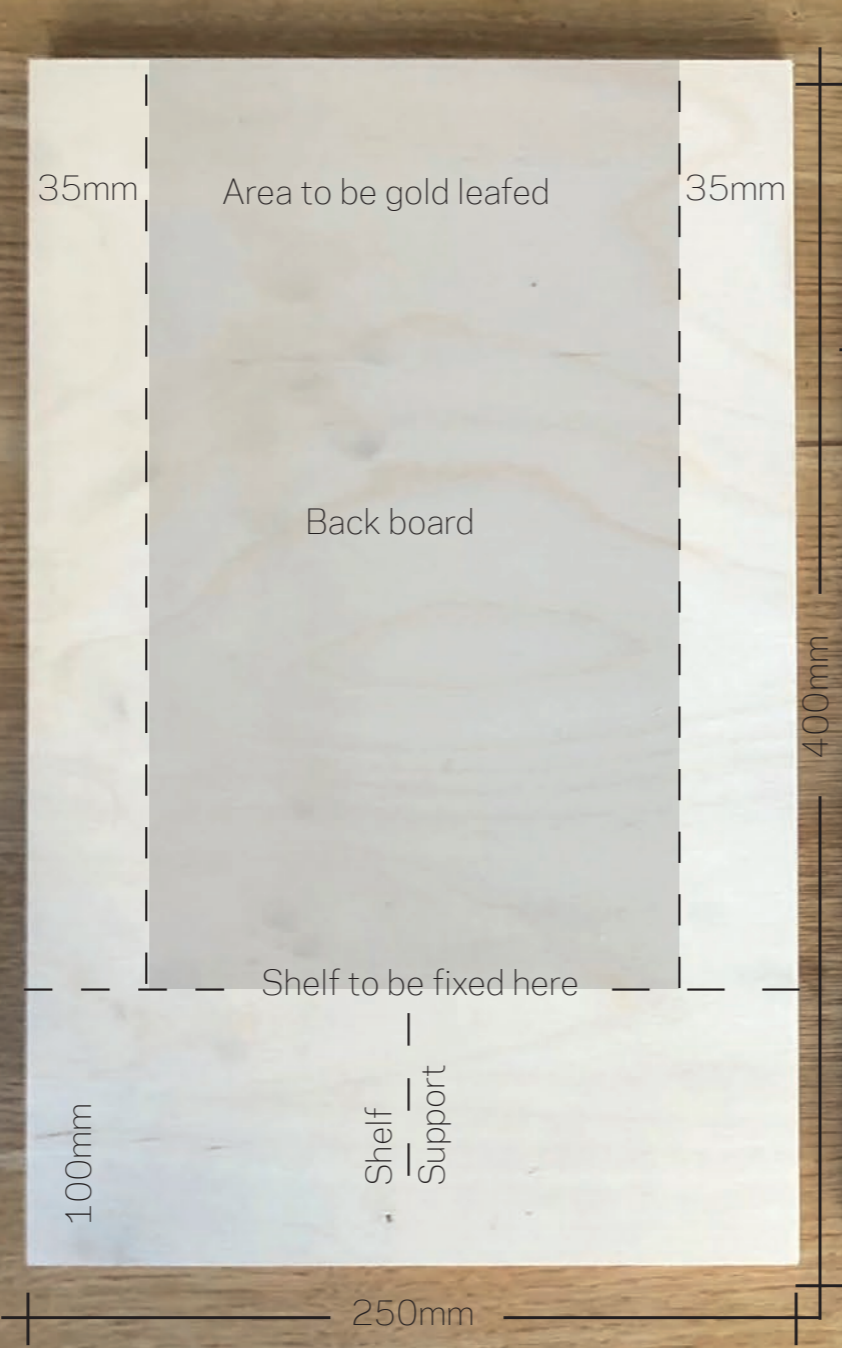
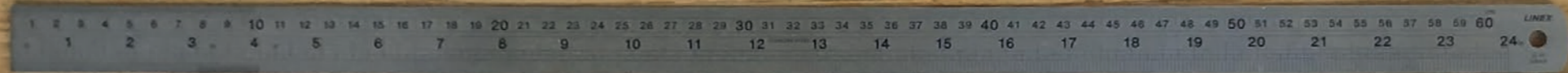
This simple wall shelf combines a utilitarian material, such as 12mm thick plywood, with the beauty of gold leaf. A warm, precious backdrop frames your favourite object and elevates the everyday. The golden reflection brings light and magic into a dark corner and creates a special moment.

Cost : 30 Euros
Time : 60 minutes
(not including drying time)

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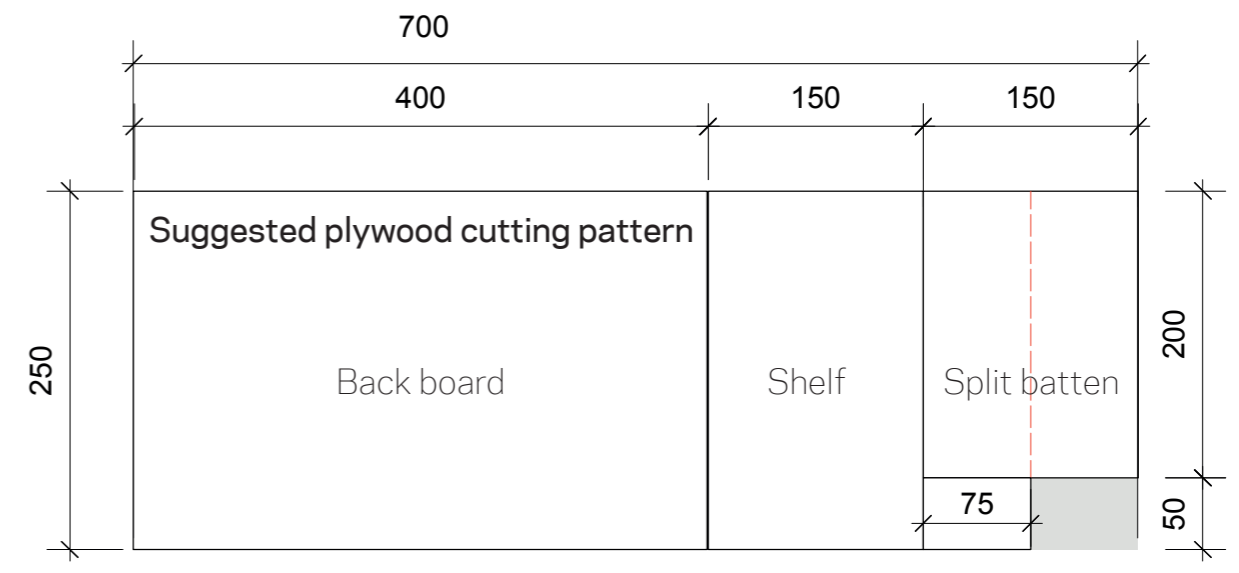




Things you will need

- Back board (250 x 400 x 12mm thick plywood)
- Shelf (150 x 250 x 12mm thick plywood)
- Shelf support (50 x 75 x 12mm thick plywood)
- Split batten (200 x 150 x 12mm plywood cut in half at 45°)
- A pack of gold leaf and a soft bristle fan brush
- Metal leaf glue and a brush to apply glue

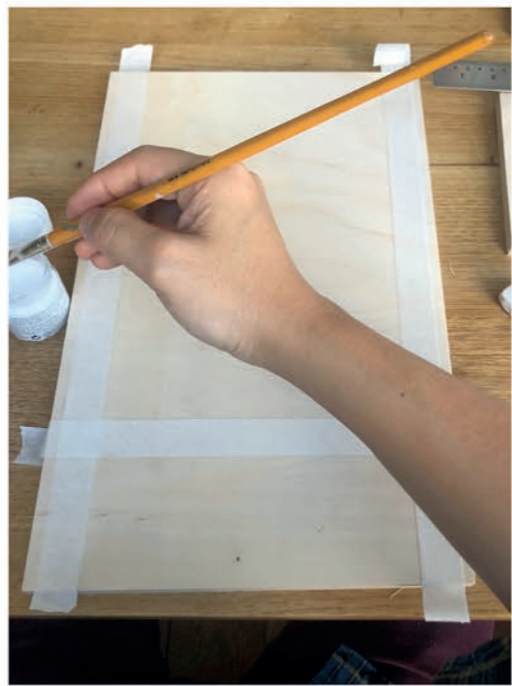
- Wood glue
- Drill
- 2no. screws
- Ruler
- Masking tape
- Pencil





Step 1

Measure and mark out area to be gold leaved with a ruler and pencil, 35mm from either side and 100mm from the bottom. Use masking tape to mask this out. Ensure the area is clean.



Step 2

Apply the metal leaf glue with a brush to the marked out area. Allow to set according to instructions.



Step 3

Carefully lift the gold leaf off its backing and place flatly and smoothly over the adhesive surface. Smooth over with soft bristle fan brush.



Step 4

Repeat with additional sheets to cover the entire area. With the brush, use a gentle, circular motion to press the gold leaf into the adhesive and remove any excess. Slowly peel off the masking tape.



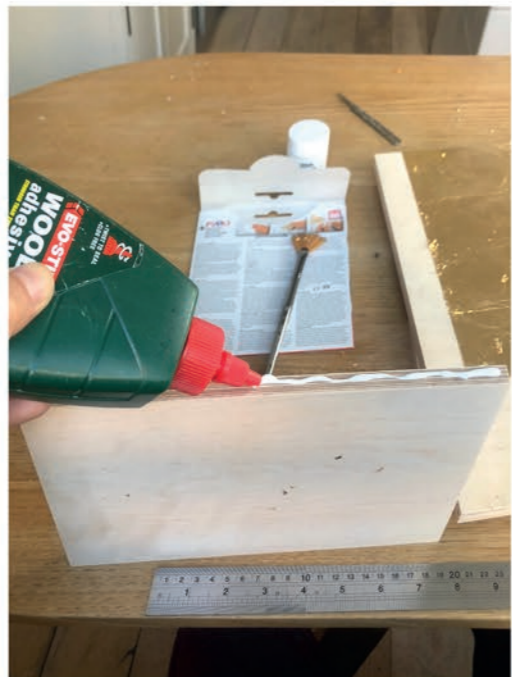
Step 5

Apply wood glue to side of the the split batten with the smaller surface. .



Step 6

Turn the back board around and glue the split batten to the top half, with the angled cut on the bottom edge. Ensure it is glued horizontally and centred on the board.



Step 7

Flip board around, ensure it is supported and lies flat, front facing upwards. Apply wood glue to the long edge of the shelf and fix to the bottom of the gold leaved area, ensuring the sides align.



Step 8

Apply wood glue to the shelf support and fix centrally to the underside of shelf and the back board . Allow glue to fully dry.



Step 9

Measure and drill 2 holes to fix the other half of the split batten to the wall with 2 screws. Ensure the angled cut is on the top edge with the larger area facing front.



Step 10

Your finished wall shelf is ready to be installed.