

Simple Bead Board Frame



Materials Needed:

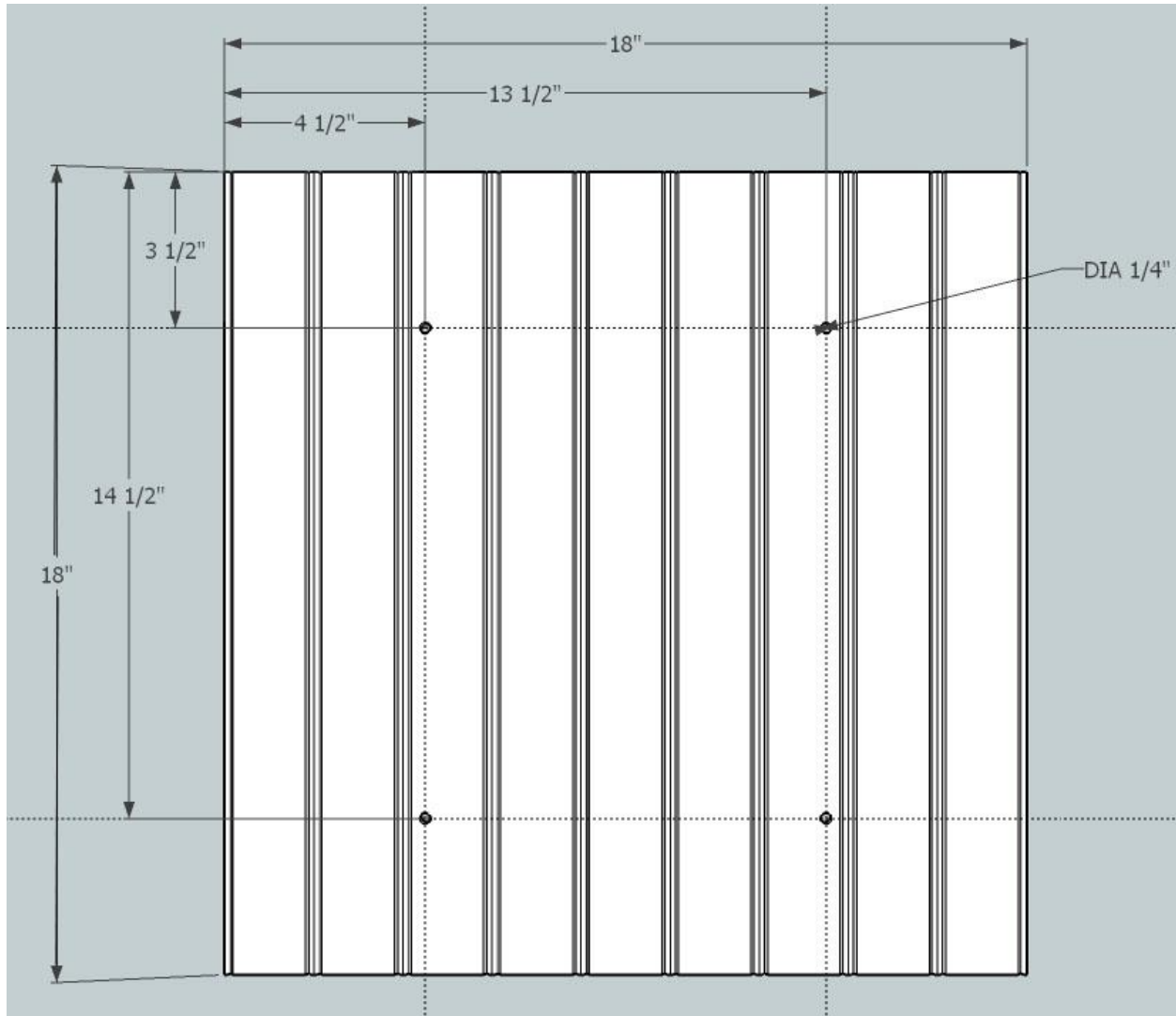
- Sheet of bead board
- Sheet of .093" thick acrylic sheet (plexiglass)
- 4 x ¼-20 x 5/8" long bolts
- 4 x ¼-20 acorn nuts
- Spray paint
- Antiquing glaze

Cut List:

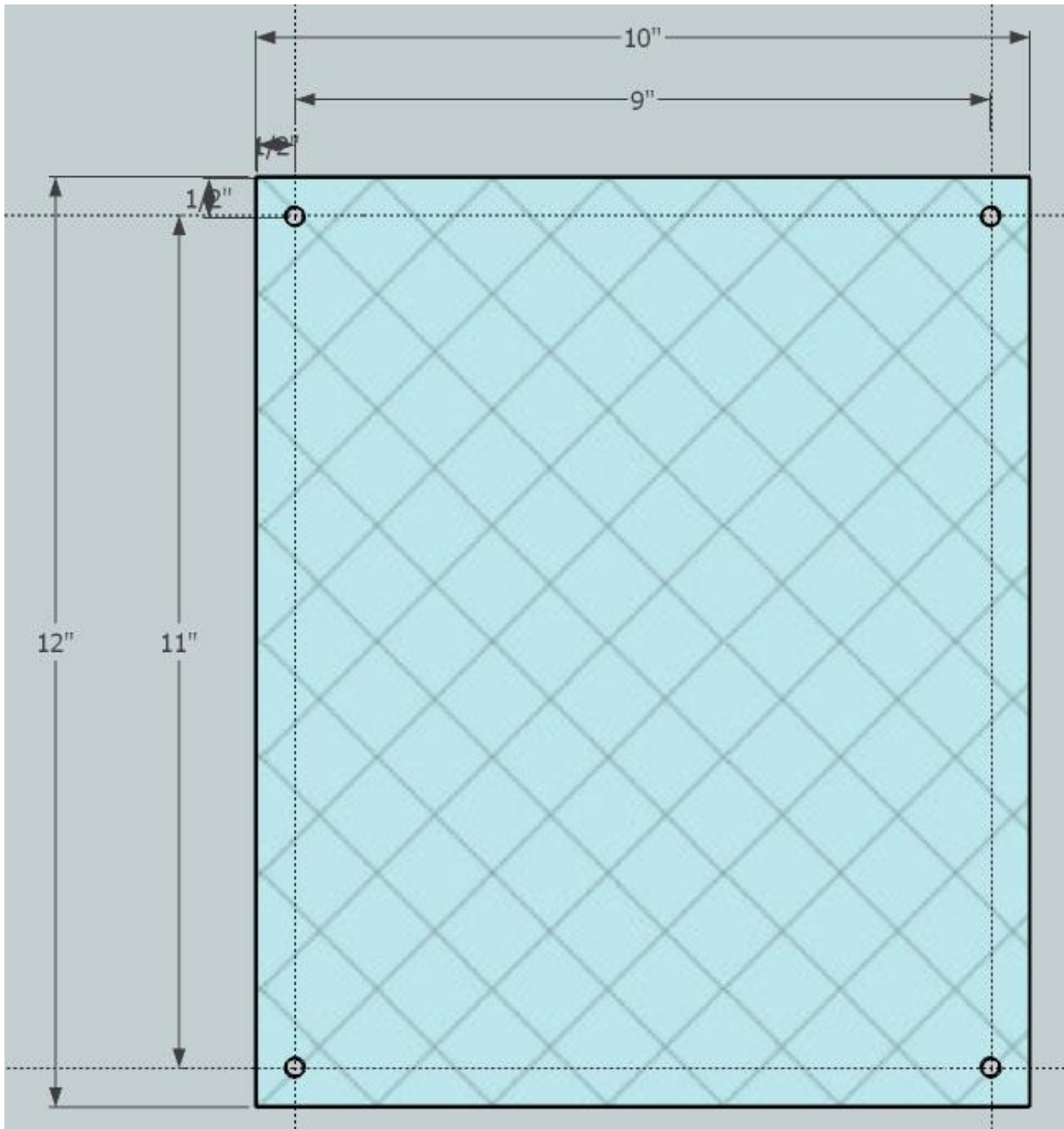
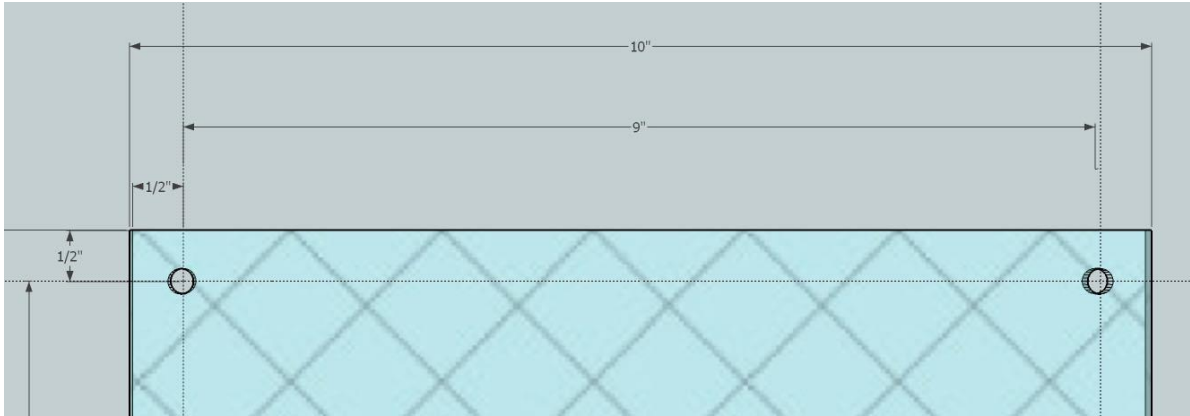
- 18" x 18" bead board
- 10" x 12" acrylic sheet

Instructions:

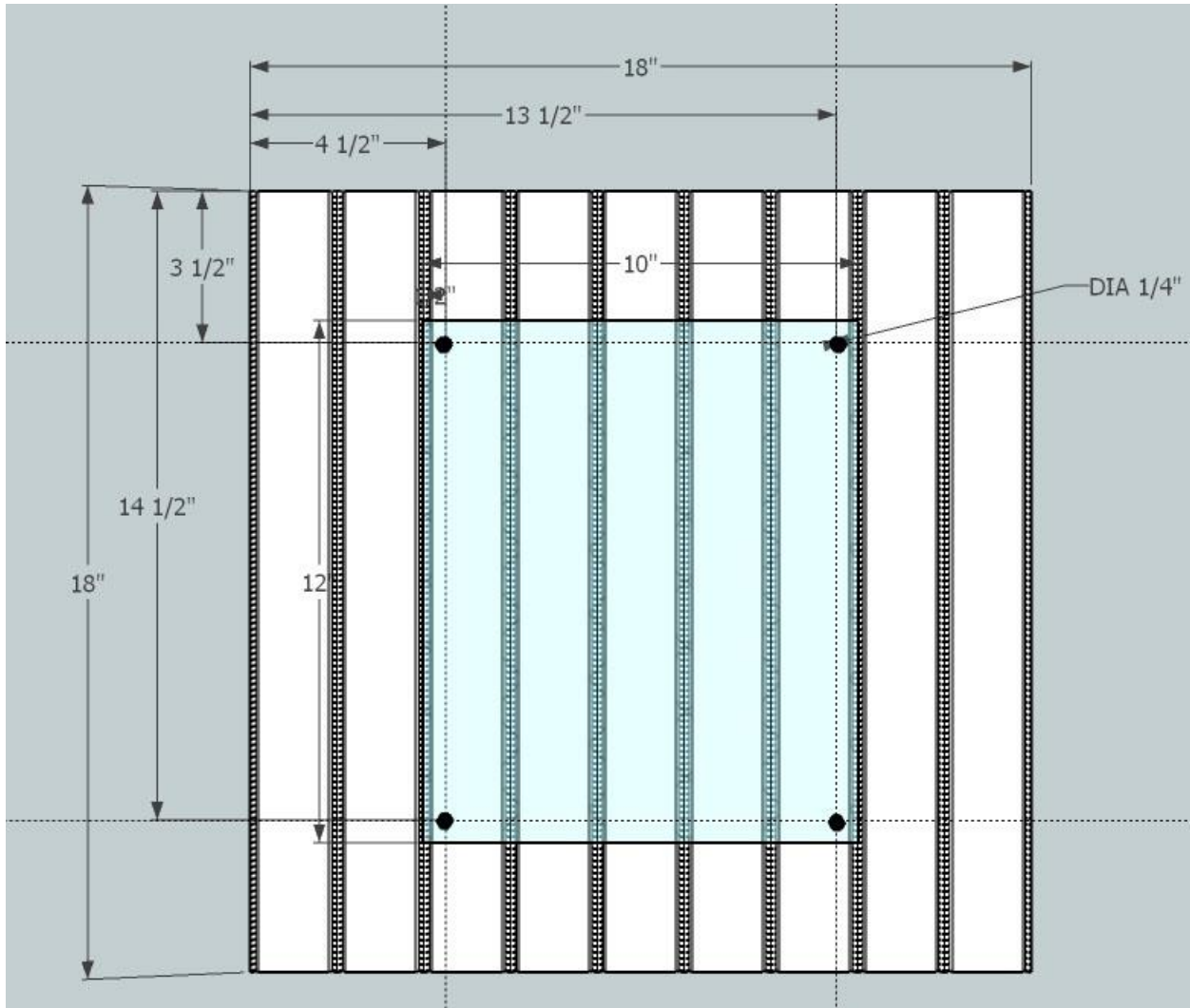
Cut a piece of bead board to 18" x 18". If you have a router, route a 1/4" bevel around the edge of the bead board. If you don't have a router, you can round over the edge with a sander (or leave it if you'd like). Pick a corner/edge to start all measurements from. Mark the locations for the holes. (See sketch) Drill 4 x 1/4" holes.



Cut a piece of acrylic sheet to 10" x 12". Note: I use a table saw to cut the acrylic. To minimize chipping, tape the cut zone with painters tape or similar. You can also sand the edges of the acrylic to smooth out small chips. Pick a corner/edge to start all measurements from. Mark the locations for the holes. (See sketch) Drill 4 x 1/4" holes.



Dry fit the bead board and acrylic together to make sure the holes line up. If the holes are off slightly, drill the holes in the bead board large enough to fit the bolts through.



Prepare the bead board to be painted by removing as much dust/dirt as possible. Spray paint the bead board and allow to dry approx. 24 hrs. Using a sponge brush or similar, paint the antiquing glaze into all the grooves of the bead board. Use a damp paper towel/rag to wipe up excess glaze. Use a dry paper towel/rag to clean up the bead board and any water spots, leaving the glaze where you want it. Allow the glaze to dry.

Assemble the frame by putting the 4 bolts through the holes in the bead board (bolt heads in back). Sandwich an 8x10 photo between the bead board and acrylic. Hand tighten an acorn nut on each bolt.