

## Make a “Lit Wall”

**Subject:** Installation

**Time:** 3 hrs.

**Level:** ANY

### Summary

Work with students and communities to create a wall of broadsides that can be added to over time.

- Supplies:**
- Plywood 4' x 8' sheets (the amount is up to you. As of January, 2019, all the publications of Broadsided fit on 7 panels.).
  - Hardware to affix panels (12 screws per panel)
  - Printed broadsides (contact us for compiled files or print your own from the site)
  - Old saucepan (for wheat paste)
  - Disposable containers (for wheat paste)
  - Paint brushes
  - Foam rollers (optional)
  - Squeegee
  - Dropcloths & “paint shirts” or aprons

### Wheat paste recipe:

- 1 cup water
  - 3 Tablespoons flour
  - 4 Tablespoons sugar (for added strength)
- Boil the water in a saucepan
- Put 3 Tablespoons of water into the flour, and mix.
- Pour that mixture into the boiling water and stir stir stir. The mixture will want to bubble over — watch out for that. Boil and stir for 2 minutes.
- Take the pan off the heat, add the sugar, and stir until well mixed.
- Pour into the container you want to paste from — the mix will keep for a few days.

For a larger batch, use 12 c water, 6.5 c flour (mixed with 6 c cool water), 4.5 c sugar.

You might, before applying wheat paste, spend a bit of time planning your broadside placement.

Lay them out. Think about the dispersal of light and dark, in particular, so that there is visual movement in the panels.

Allow juxtapositions of theme and content to happen serendipitously. The later discussions will be rich.

Send us pictures!

- Application:**
- Lay down a thin, smooth layer of wheatpaste with a brush or roller BEFORE placing broadsides.
  - Set your paper onto that, then brush again.
  - Use a squeegee to smooth out the paper, flattening any ripples or bubbles that appear — but don't squeeze off too much of the paste!