



The Barn Quilts of Hamilton County

Barn Information Survey

Name of Owner(s): _____

Address of Barn: _____

Farm:

How long has it been in the family?

Who bought it? When?

Barn:

When was it built?

What was its original function? What it is used for now?

What materials is it constructed with?

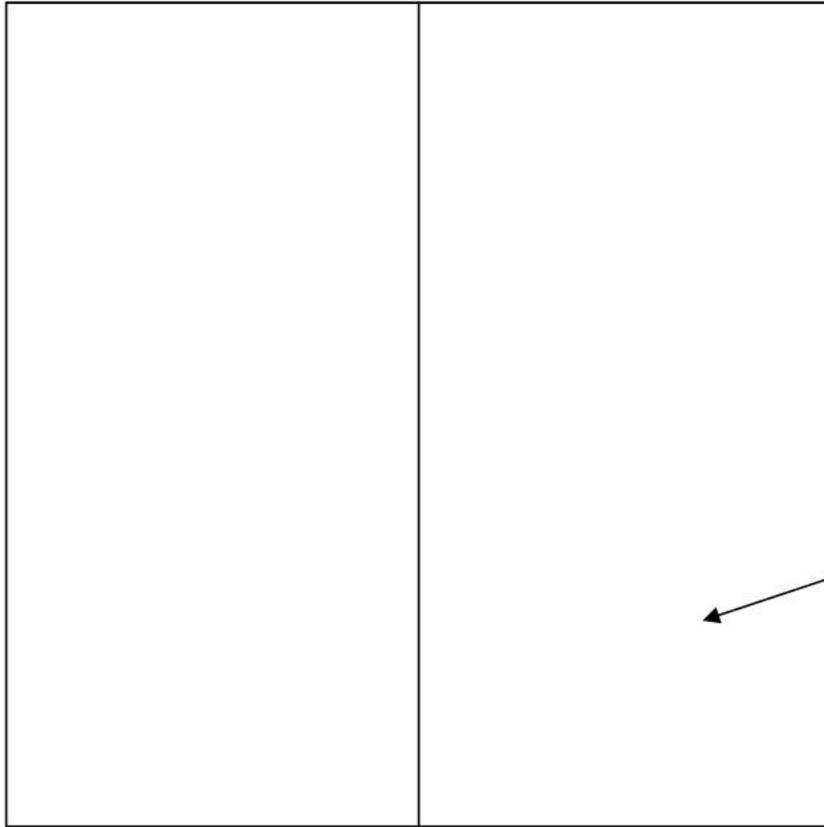
Was the architecture determined by the function of the barn? The ethnicity of the builder? Something else?

Miscellaneous History:

Do you have any interesting stories about the barn, the farm, the area, your family?
(Please use the reverse side of this sheet if you need more space.)



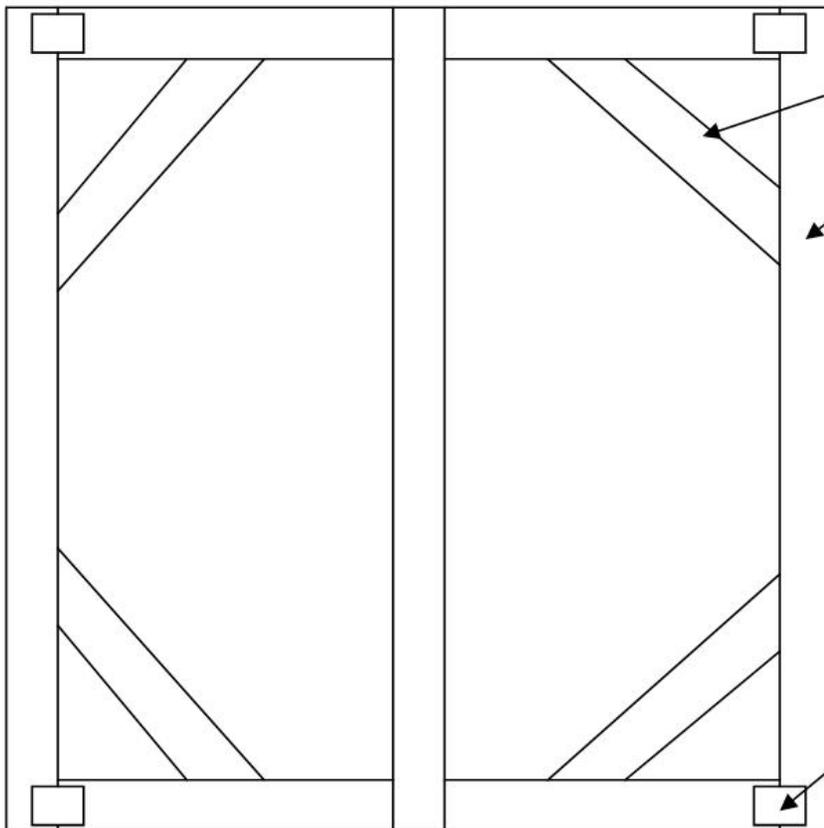
Frame Diagram



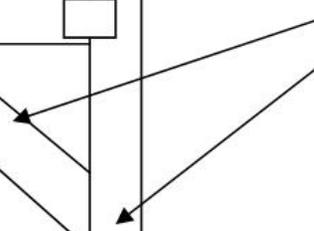
4' x 8' sheet of 3/4" plywood



Front



2 x 4s



Metal brace



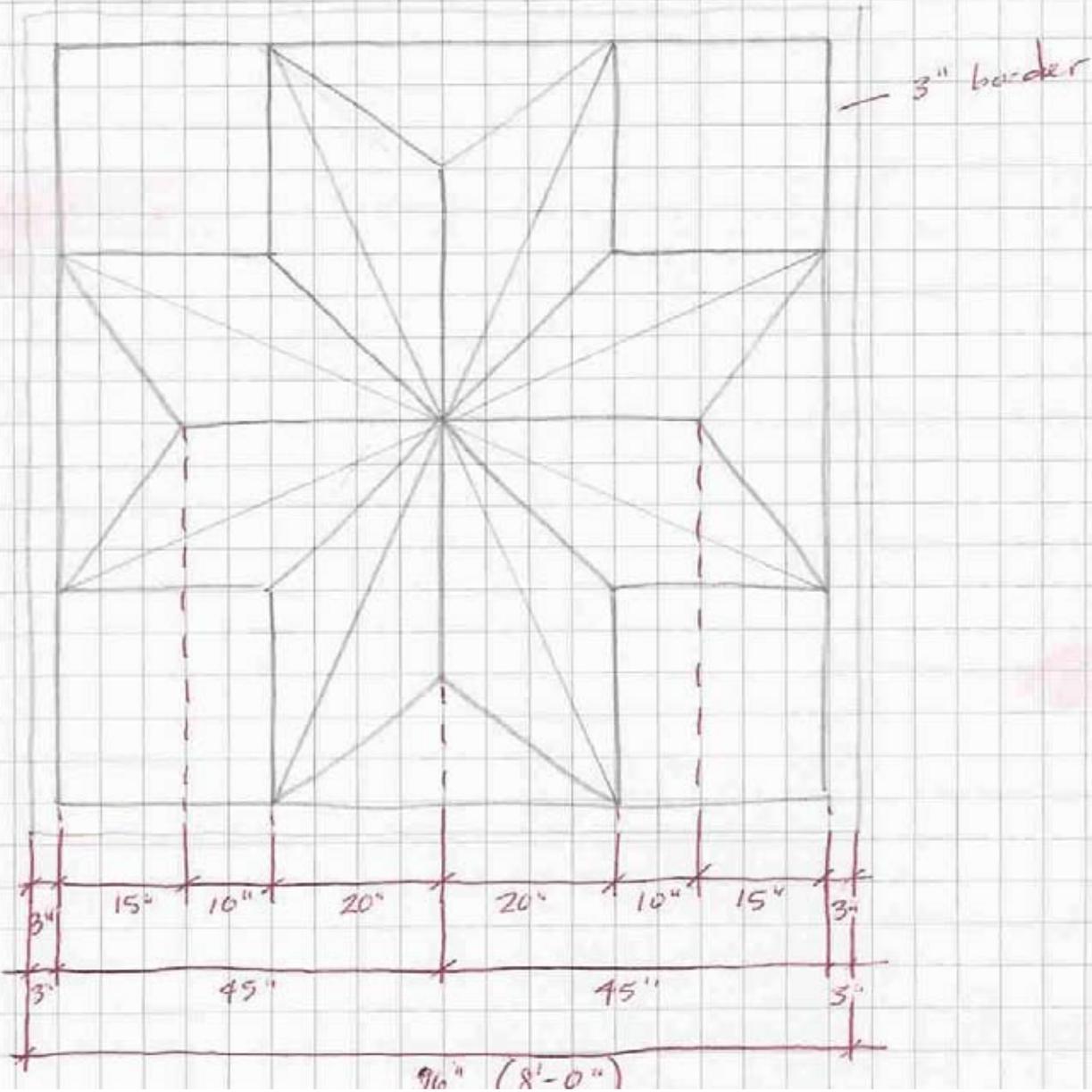
Back



Sample of Dimensioned Plan

LEMOYNE STAR

$$\square = 5''$$





Barn Quilts of Hamilton County – Preparing to Paint

Marking out the design: One method is to project the design onto the plywood using an overhead projector, and simply trace the lines onto the barn that way. A second method is to draw the designs to scale on a sheet of graph paper and then mark out on the plywood with a chalk line.

Painting: The timeframe needed to paint one quilt block is usually about two days. The square should be primed and the design marked out on the first day, and the colors can be painted in on the second day, usually requiring 2-3 coats of paint, as well as at least 2 coats of primer. Another option would be to prime the square in the morning, mark out the design, and then paint in the colors in the afternoon.



It usually takes about one quart of paint per color to complete a quilt block, depending of course on how many colors there are in the pattern, or how much of each color is included in the pattern.

Reaching High Locations: Several of the barns we painted needed to have their quilt blocks placed very high up on the side of the barn, so they would be visible above tall corn crops, or visible from great distances. Property owners were able to borrow scaffolding and tall ladders to accomplish most of this work, and rented

various types of lifts with the help of barn sponsors to complete some of the tallest work.

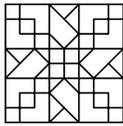
CAUTION:

- Make sure you have enough scaffolding/ tall ladders if you are painting very high up on a structure. Distances can be misleading, and barns are often a lot taller than they look.
- Be careful if it is a windy day—it will be windier up on scaffolding or a ladder than it is on the ground.
- Be aware of what direction the sun is coming from, and make sure you are wearing sunscreen so you don't end up sunburned!
- Watch for drips of paint, especially on windy days. It is easy to drip onto previously painted areas, so make sure you have plenty of rags handy to take care of these drips before they dry.
- If you are using old paint that has been donated from a landfill or similar place, it is a good idea to open it up and make sure it is good before you get out to the work site. Otherwise you may find yourself with unusable paint and need to go get new paint before you can start working.

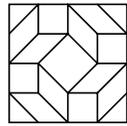


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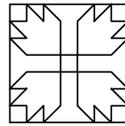
Block Ideas



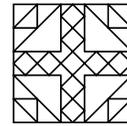
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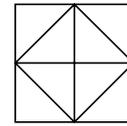
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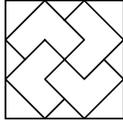
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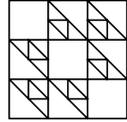
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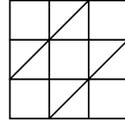
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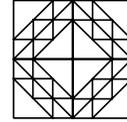
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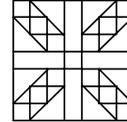
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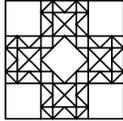
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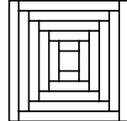
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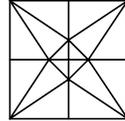
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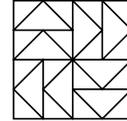
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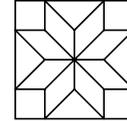
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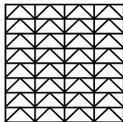
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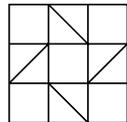
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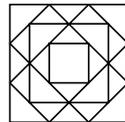
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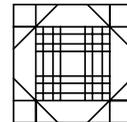
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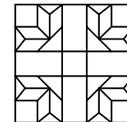
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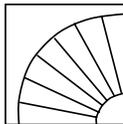
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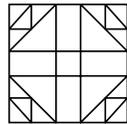
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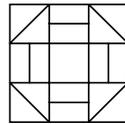
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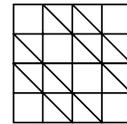
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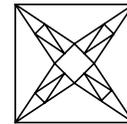
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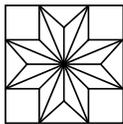
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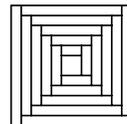
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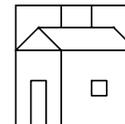
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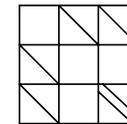
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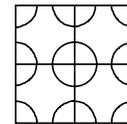
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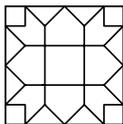
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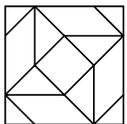
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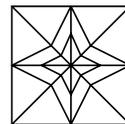
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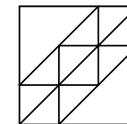
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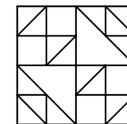
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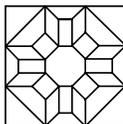
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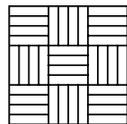
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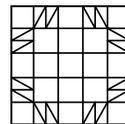
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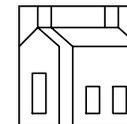
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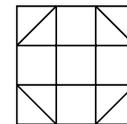
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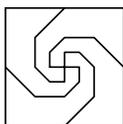
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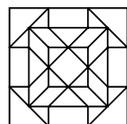
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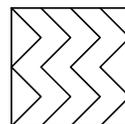
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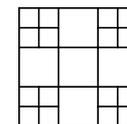
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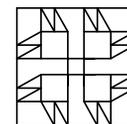
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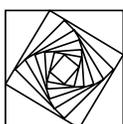
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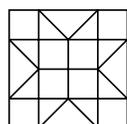
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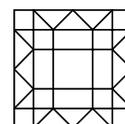
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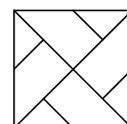
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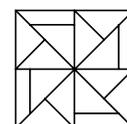
Variable Star



Weathervane



Whirlwind



Windmill