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Materials needed:

3/4" Plywood Sheet

3/4" X 1 1/2" pine board

1/4" Luan Plywood or Balsa Wood

Mirror cut 11.5" x 14"

IOD Clay Moulds-Vary the design depending on what moulds you have

1 1/2 packages air dry clay

1 Box Amazing Resin - If you use intricate moulds

A strong tacky glue able to glue glass - Ultimate Crafter's Pick Glue

Paints: Antique Villa and Gray Linen Chalk Synthesis Wise Owl Paint,
Heavy Metals Wise Owl Bronze, Wise Owl Primer and Varnish

Preparation

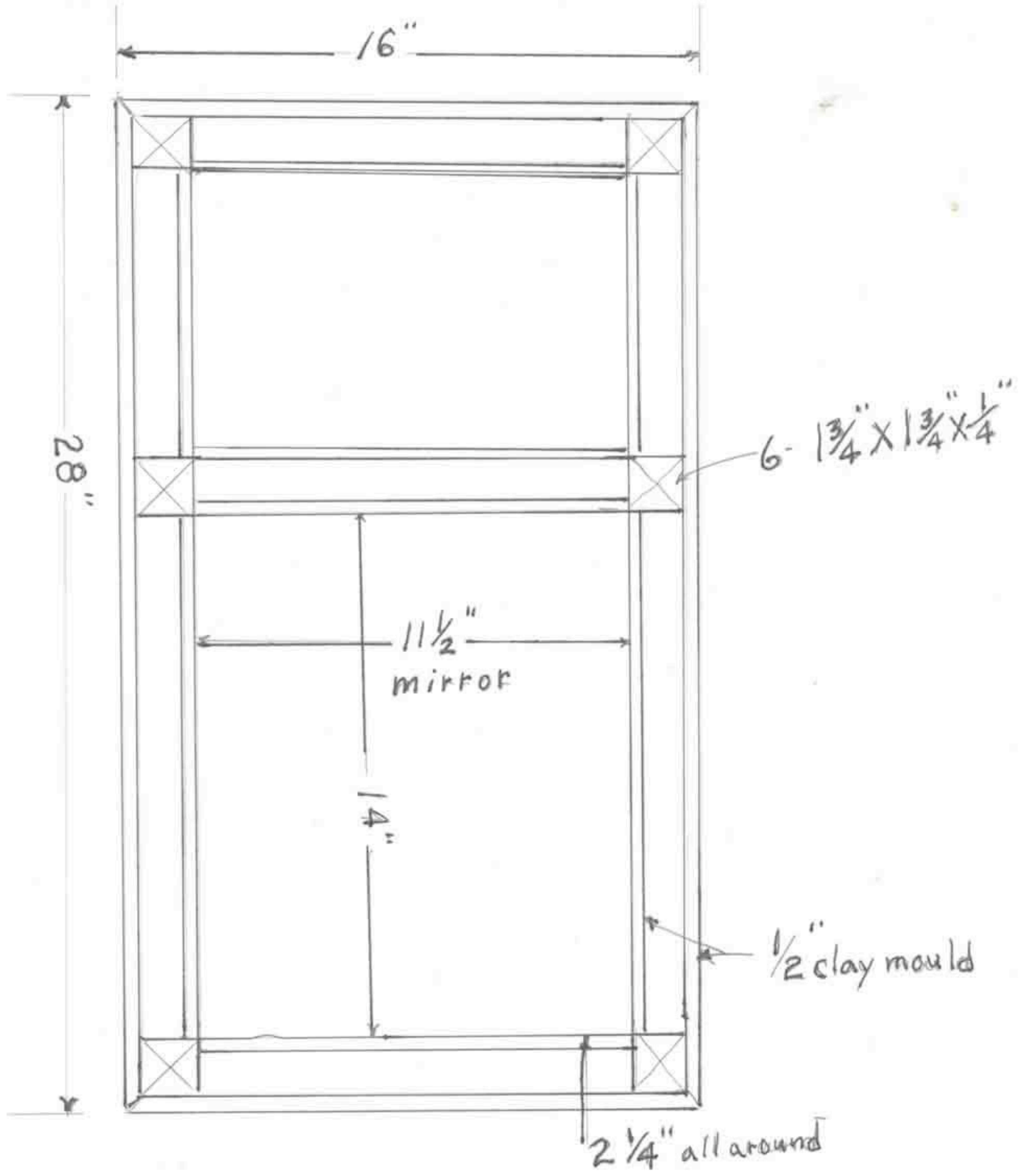
1 piece of 3/4" plywood finish one side and cut 16" x 28"
Home depot or Lowes have small sheets they will cut to size

4 Pieces of 3/4" 1 1/2" pine
Cut 2 pieces at 28" and place at edge of frame
Measure in between to get measurement for next 2 pieces

Cut 6 pieces of 1/4" balsa wood 1 3/4" x 1 3/4"
(You can find balsa wood at Jo Anne Fabrics or Hobby Lobby)

Standard mirror cut 11 1/2" x 14"
Hardware store or lumberyard can cut mirror to size

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Construction

Back of Mirror

Place cut 3/4" plywood face down (back side up)

Take the 2 - 28" pieces and glue / nail to outside long edge

Measure in between pine and cut the other 2 to size

Glue and nail to edge of frame. **Now the back of your mirror is done!**



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Face of Mirror

Next take and turn plywood face up and make a line 2 1/4" from edge on all 4 sides.

Now from bottom edge measure up 16 1/4" and draw a line across from edge to edge. You have now created the box where the mirror is glued.

Take and glue back of mirror and place in the space where you drew the lines

Now take the 6 (1 3/4") blocks and glue at each corner edge of mirror. (Two blocks will go on top portion of frame at line intersections)

All Blocks should be the same space from the edge,

***Check Drawing and Pictures for Accuracy**



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Creating The Design

We Used The Following 4 IOD Moulds for Our Mirror

1. Trimmings 1 2. Fleur De Lis 3. Laurel 4. Lock & Key

We also used 1 1/2 packages of IOD Air Dry Clay

1 Box Amazing Casting Resin

The Glues:

Tite bond woodworkers glue

Crafters Pick The Ultimate Glue

(Small amount of corn starch to brush in mould prevents sticking)

The clay trims are all glued with the Crafters Pick The Ultimate Glue

Wood products glued with Tite Bond Woodworkers Glue

Back of Mirror we used Crafters Pick The Ultimate Glue

Make sure all surfaces are covered with glue (as much as possible)

Clean any excess glue quickly - It is easier to clean it as you go

The Decoration

There are 180+ inches of trim so take your time. Brushing your mould with cornstarch will help the trim pieces to come out easily and will save you time. Glue your trim and make your design in the top area and then let everything dry.

*Small Medallions on the wood blocks-[IOD Fleur De Lis Mould](#)

*Trim around whole design-[IOD Mould Trimmings 1](#)

*Swags and bow design-[Laurel Mould](#)

*Filigree Design between all the blocks-[IOD Lock and Key Mould](#)

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Painting Mirror - Finishing Touches

1. After all the castings are dry paint a primer coat of Wise Owl White Primer. Let the primer thoroughly dry according to the label directions.
2. Next paint a coat of Antique Villa and let that dry
3. Mix a wash of Gray linen and water-1:1 ratio and paint small sections of the entire frame. Using a wet scrunched rag remove the gray linen wash until you like the look. Let dry
4. Paint the entire castings ornamentation with Heavy Metals Wise Owl Bronze Paint. Let Dry. Top Coat with Wise Owl Varnish. Let dry and step back to enjoy your masterpiece!!!

