

Lone Star Sizing & Patina

Perfectly scale your western decor and create a genuine rusted steel finish.

Master western proportions and create a professional floating shadow mount. This guide helps you scale your metal art and apply a beautiful, accelerated rust patina.

● Key Project Materials

60-70%

Of furniture width for visual balance

1/2 in

Wine cork spacer thickness behind points

5

Natural cork disks needed for spacers

16 oz

3% hydrogen peroxide for extra oxygen

2 oz

Distilled white vinegar to etch steel

1 tbsp

Table salt to force rapid oxidation

The Blue Tape Test

Use standard blue painter's tape to mark a precise cross on your wall. This lets you visualize the exact horizontal and vertical span before purchasing.



Furniture & Backdrop Sizing

Find your row: Your space setup

Your space setup	Your pick	Why
48-inch console table	30-inch star	Perfect entryway proportion
Other mantel or bed	Calculate width percentage	Prevents feeling top-heavy
Cowhide floor rug	Align dark spine line	Centers directly under top point
Wall paint finish	Warm-white limewash	Reduces glare behind rusted metal

Accelerated Rust Patina

- 1

First & Second Mist Mist bare steel; wait 15 minutes. Target shiny spots and wait 30 minutes.
- 2

Third Heavy Coat Spray heavily; allow 1 hour for the deep brown-orange bloom to fully develop.
- 3

Baking Soda Wash After 10 minutes, neutralize acid and rinse thoroughly with clean warm water.
- 4

Sun Drying Phase Air dry for 2 hours until a chalky matte texture emerges clearly.
- 5

Clear Coat Seal Wait 24 hours before applying two thin coats of premium matte sealer.

Mounting & Styling Checks

- Slice cork into even disks with a sharp utility knife.
- Glue to flat back of points with heavy-duty construction adhesive.
- Cure adhesive completely in a well-ventilated area before hanging.
- Attach heavy-duty D-rings to the top point to prevent shifting.
- Style below with a potted prickly pear, saddle-blanket, and hat.

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully aged, perfectly proportioned western focal point!