

ZACCHAEUS – HALLELUJAH AVENUE SIGN

Project time: 1 hour

Supplies:

- Gray polymer clay – 4oz.
- [Clay tools](#) (or plastic knife and rolling pin)
- Cardstock – 1 sheet
- Templates
- Wood sign cut file
- Brown paint – ¼ tsp
- Small paint brush
- Paper and cardboard torn into small pieces (or any little things you'd like to use for trash)
- [Wood glue](#) – (The linked bottle makes approximately 48 projects.)
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- X-ACTO knife
- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper

For a class setting:

- Use a CNC router or similar machine to cut out the wooden sign pieces for each student. **Note:** If you don't have access to a machine that can cut wood, print the "Street sign – Paper version" file for each student.
- Print and cut out templates for each student.
- Portion out clay for each student.
- Portion out paint for each student.

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 275 °F. Print templates on cardstock and cut out. Use X-ACTO knife to cut out the middle of sign template where indicated.
2. Use your hands to roll clay into a log shape. Roll out clay with rolling pin to about 1/4" thick. Place rectangle template on clay and cut out.
3. Combine the remainder of your clay and roll into a ball. Roll clay to about 1/8" thick. Use your circle template and cut out the base of garbage can. Set aside excess clay for later.
4. Wrap rectangle piece of clay around the base of the garbage can.
Tip – You might need to pull the clay tightly to fit around the base.
Smooth out the seams with your fingers.
5. Use clay tool or plastic knife to lightly draw lines in the clay around the sides of garbage can. **(See video)**
6. Pinch off 2 small pieces of clay and roll into logs. Curve each piece into a "U" shape. Attach to either side of garbage can by pressing gently into the clay to create handles.
7. Place on parchment lined baking sheet, and bake for 10-15 minutes. Let cool completely. While garbage can is baking, begin assembling sign post.
8. Use a CNC router or similar machine to cut out the wooden sign pieces.
Note – If you don't have access to a machine that can cut wood, use the "Street sign – Paper version" file to make your sign out of paper.
9. Place template on the back of sign and glue small wooden rectangle inside the hole on template. Press rectangle down and hold for about 30 seconds. Remove template and repeat with second sign. Set signs aside to dry.
10. Glue sign post pieces together with wood glue. Make sure wood grain is facing out all around your sign. (See video and pictures for reference of which pieces to glue.)
11. Place a piece of masking tape on the bottom of the round wooden base for sign post. Add a little wood glue to the center opening of the base, and insert sign post. Using masking tape to hold the post up straight while it dries. Allow to dry for 10-15 minutes.

12. While the sign post is drying, paint garbage can. Use paintbrush and lightly dab paint around the base and random places on the outside of garbage can with brown paint.

Note – You will only need a tiny amount of paint. (See video)

13. Fill garbage can with little pieces of torn paper and cardboard. Let paint dry.

14. When glue has dried, remove masking tape from sign post.

15. Add a little wood glue inside notches on sign post. Attach signs to post.
(See video for placement) Hold for about 30 seconds.

16. Set garbage can next to sign.

YOU'RE FINISHED!