

Take your larger sheet of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood (could be $\frac{1}{2}$ " for smaller dogs but $\frac{3}{4}$ " prevents any bounce back) and rip it into a slant board or hit-it board that is appropriate for your dog's size and stage of training.

I have traditionally used a 30"x30" board to start. Lately I like to start on a 30 wide x 26" tall. 28x24 is the size of the box that my team runs on so I would not need a smaller board). For those that run on the 24" wide premier you could make it 26" wide and 24" tall as your smallest board.

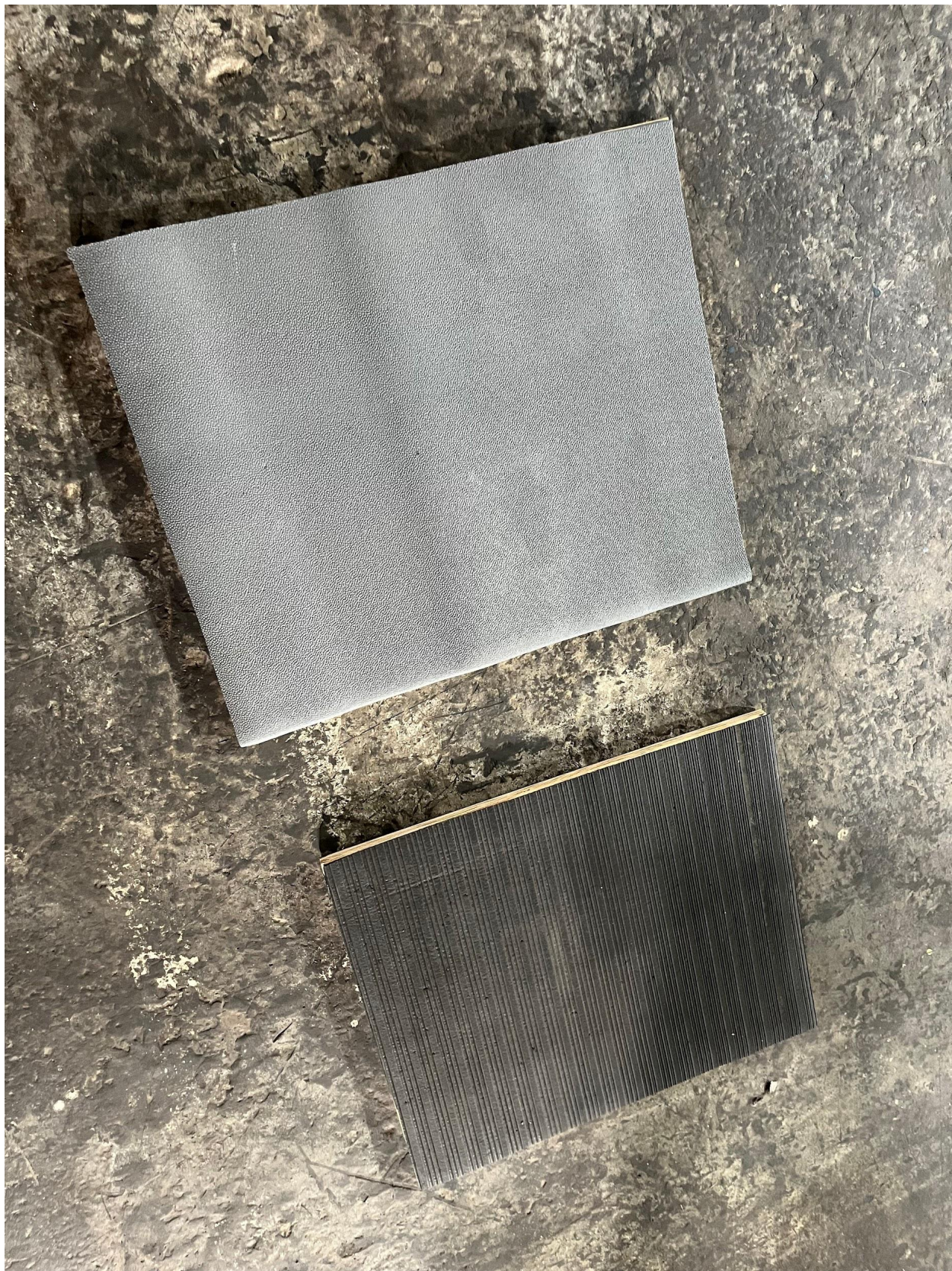
As a trainer in a region that is on both 28" and 24" wide flat and premier boxes, I have found my most versatile board currently is a 28" wide x 24" tall (my finisher board). The second most used is the 30" wide x 26" (my starter board)



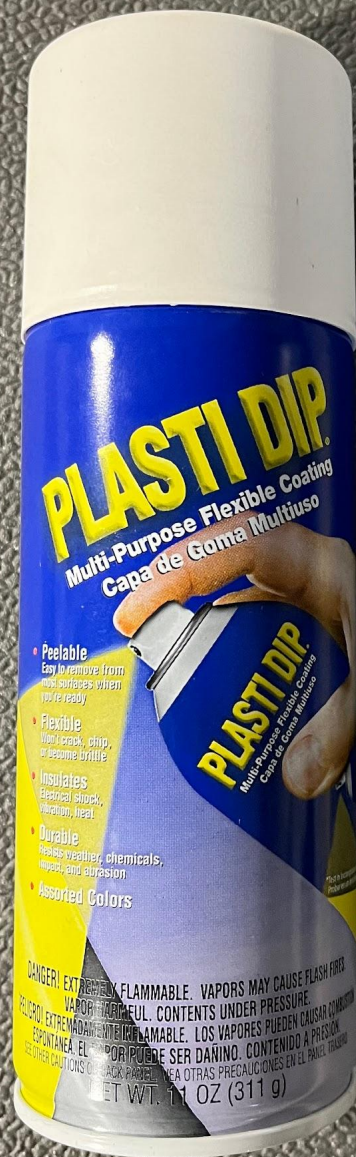


Use Contact Cement to adhere the Flyball matting, yoga matting, or puzzle tiles. Just make sure that the puzzle tiles are not slick - I have roughed them up with a wire brush to help with traction and prevent slipping. You can wrap the matting on the bottom if you are worried about protecting floor/walls - or add on some soft velcro strips when project is completed. I left my edges raw and have had no issues. When gluing, spread the cement in an open air environment and coat the entire board. Place your board upside down (mat side touching the ground) and place a heavy weight on the back so the entire matted surface is evenly dispersed.

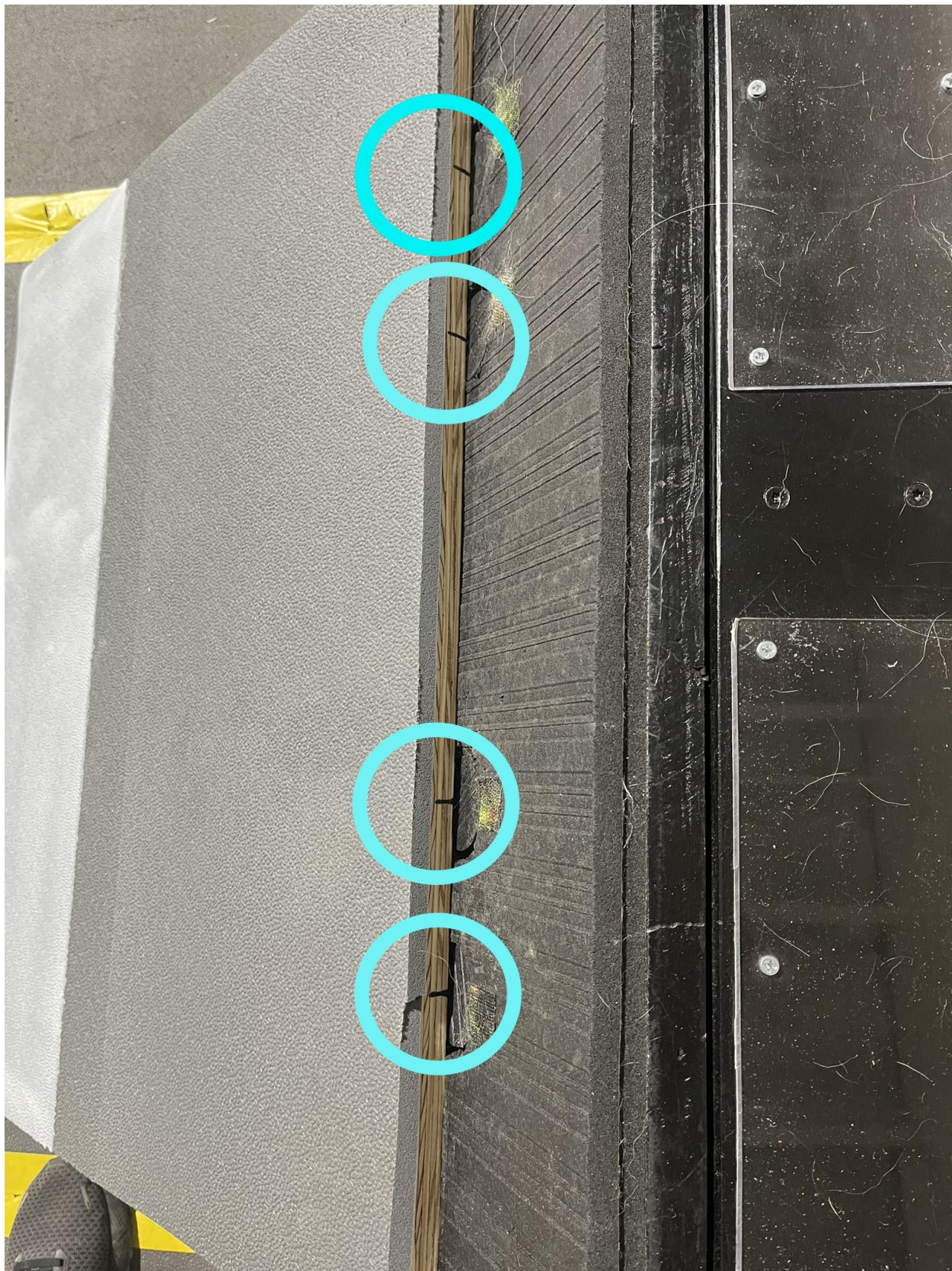


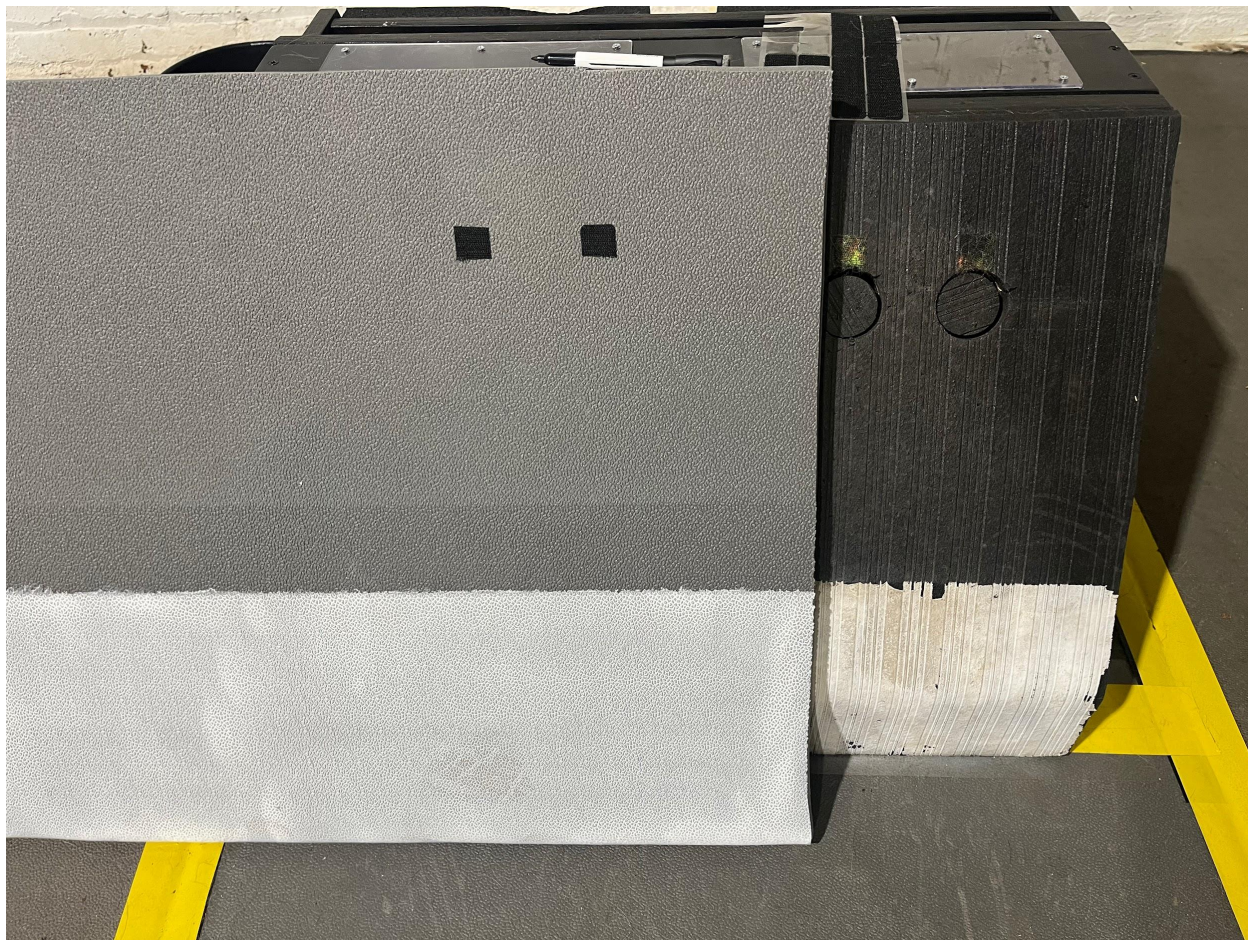


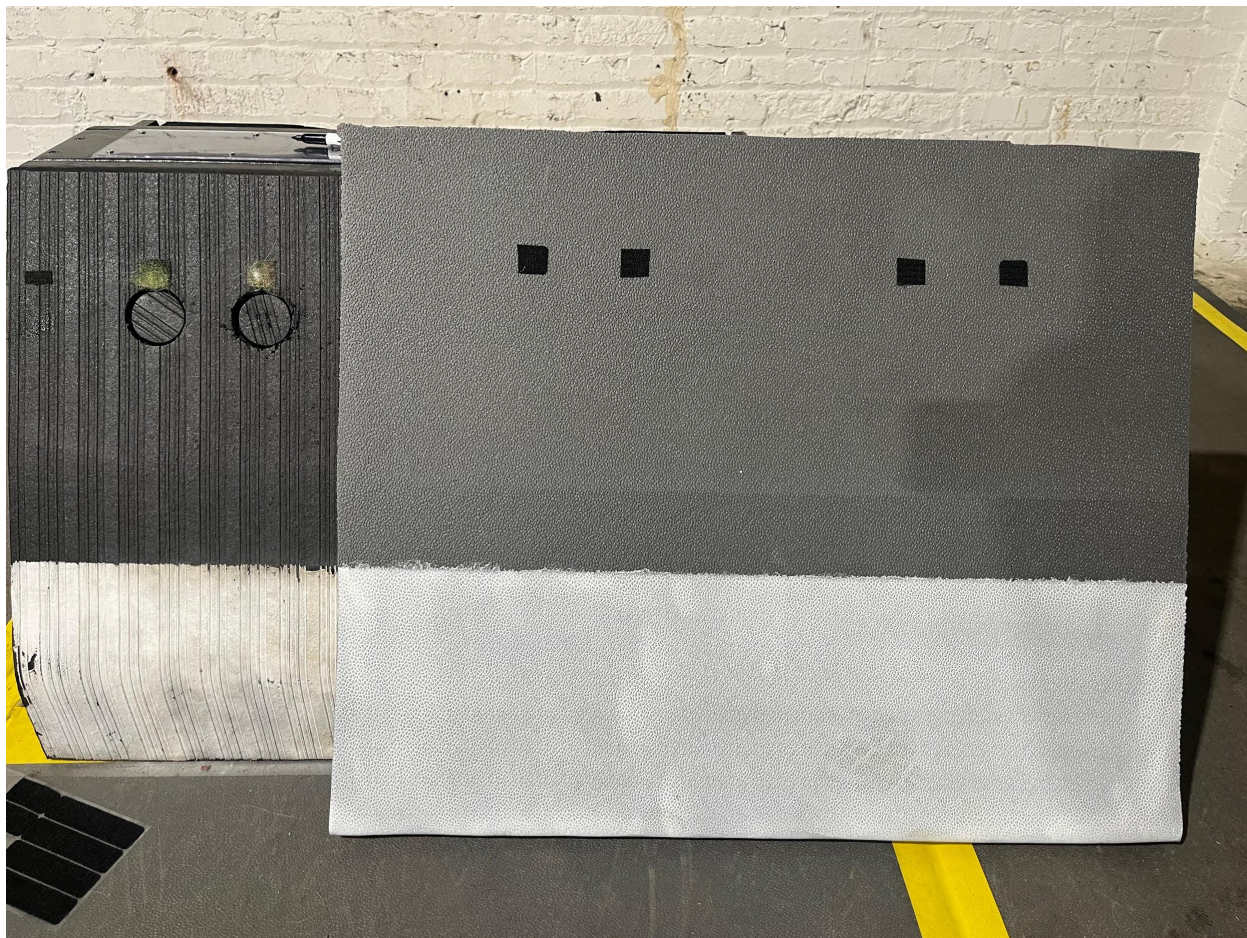
Use Plasti-Dip to create the white area at the bottom of the slant board. Providing this visual now on the board is one more consistency for our dogs to see before we transition them to the box. I tape off a 7-8" strip at the bottom of the board (usually 1-2" taller than my box line since the board has more room above the white area). Two thin coats is fine.



Figuring out your velcro placement. Lean your board against your box and mark the center of all your holes. Now move your board to be flat on the box, and following down from the mark you just made - line up with the vertical height of the holes. Place the velcro just slightly above, or on the top side of where the hole would be. This is the location of where the ball would be on the box. On a larger board like a 30 x 30 - you can start higher, closer to 18"-20" off the ground. I like the velcro to simulate the box as closely as possible so our dogs can be confident in their foot/head placement and transition easily from the board to the box.









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