

Lincoln Highway Utility Pole Painting

Supplies:

- Painter's Tape
- Measuring Tape
- Carpenter's pencils
- Ladder
- Paint roller and cover with $\frac{3}{4}$ " nap
- Plastic coffee cans or re-sealable disposable paint buckets and/or liners (4)

Paint

- High-quality oil-based exterior primer
- RED: PMS (Pantone Matching System) PANTONE® 193C (coated); RGB: 224, 22, 43; HEX: #E0162B.
- WHITE: RGB: 255, 255, 255; HEX: #FFFFFF.
- BLUE: PMS (Pantone Matching System) PANTONE® 281C (coated); RGB: 0, 82, 165; HEX: #0052A5.

Instructions

Have a plan in place to paint at least 4-6 utility poles in a single session. This will allow you to be productive as you are waiting on the primer and paint to dry.

Marking and Priming

- Using the tape measure and carpenter's pencil, measure and mark all around the pole at a distance of 6" from the ground (note: make this line as straight as possible, understanding that a rough surface may skew the measurement).
- Using your line as a guide for the TOP of your painter's tape, go around the entire pole with a layer of painter's tape.
- Measure up 2' from the top of your lower painter's tape, all around the pole.
- Using your line as a guide for the BOTTOM of your painter's tape, go around the entire pole with a layer of painter's tape.
 - There should be a distance of exactly 2' between the top of the lower painter's tape and the bottom of the upper painter's tape.
- Apply a heavy coat of high-quality oil-based exterior primer to the 2' area, all around the pole.
- At this point, you should move on to another pole to mark and prime, allowing 1-2 hours, depending on the weather, for the primer to dry.

Red, White and Blue

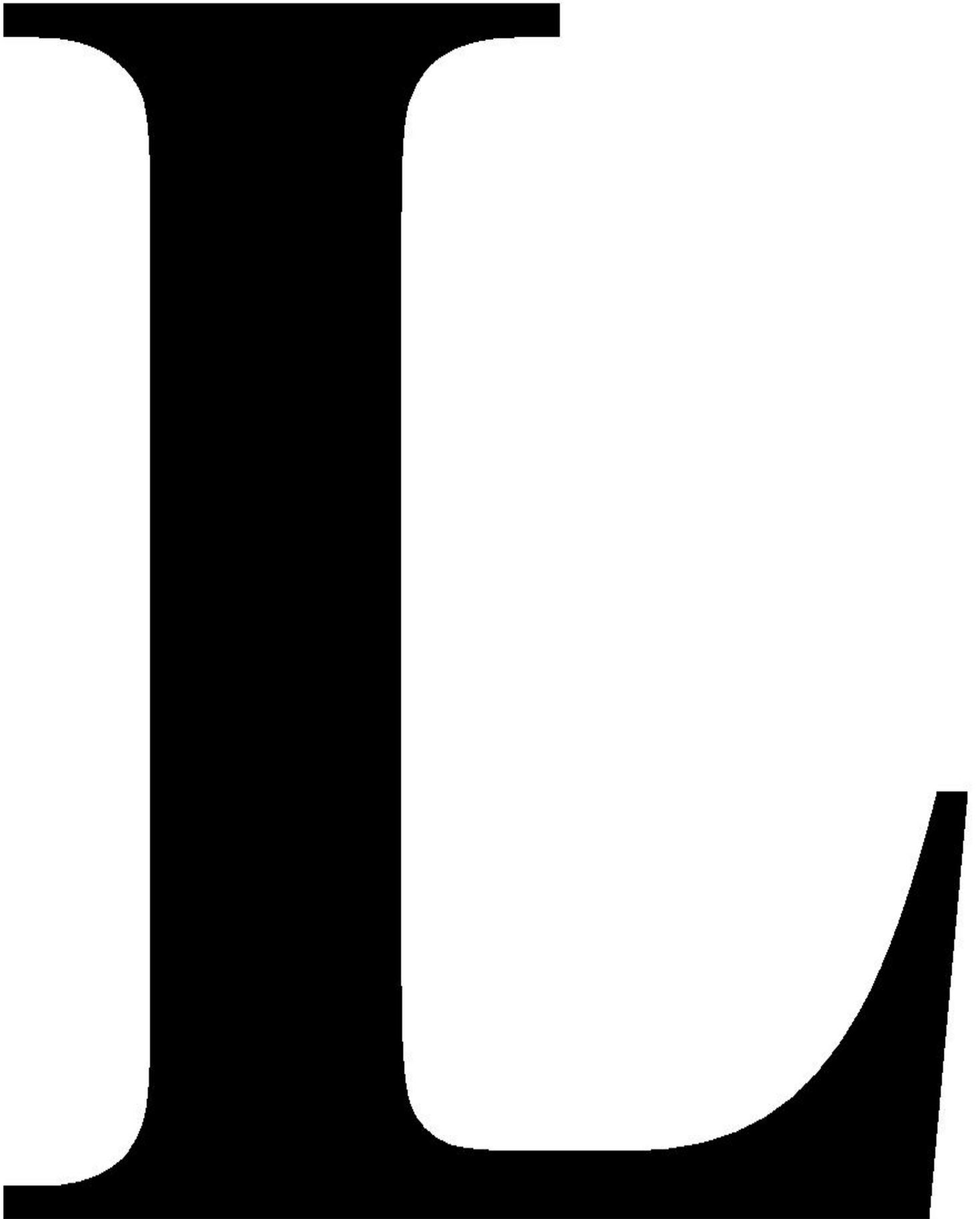
- Measure up from the bottom of the painted area 6", and down from the top of the painted area 6" and line the areas with a strip of painter's tape. Both of the top and bottom stripes should be a full 6".
- Paint the top stripe red and the bottom stripe blue.
- Again, move on to other poles, allowing the paint to dry.
- When you return to the pole, reposition the painter's tape to the bottom of the red strip and the top of the blue strip, giving you a full 12" center section to paint white.
- Paint the white color on and allow it to dry.

Stencils

- Trace the provided stencils onto heavy cardstock or cardboard and cut out.
- Using the carpenter's pencil, position the "L" in the center of the wide white stripe and outline it.
- Paint with the blue paint
- Should you need a special designation – year, arrow, etc., using the provided stencils, outline the letters or shapes on the blue lower stripe and paint with white.

Adjust as needed

- These are only guidelines, so feel free to adjust the process and/or design as needed for specific applications. The original Lincoln Highway painted markers were unique to the local area and local painters. There was not much uniformity across the route.



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