

Weathered rustic glory handmade wooden American flag comes in four different sizes and can be customized.



They're Making Wooden Flags

Buffalo Reclaimed Flag Co. is a family-owned business that started as a hobby in a garage. It has one of its 16-ft. flags displayed in the Pentagon.

According to the company, it primarily used reclaimed wood from the Buffalo, N.Y., area when it began. It was sourced from pallets and old homes. As the company grew, it began using dimensional lumber for consistency.

Besides American flags, they also carry flags with state, military and first responder themes.

Many of Buffalo Reclaimed's products are made from pine. Every flag is coated with a durable, heavy-grade polyurethane as a topcoat.

If a customer opts to weatherproof the flag, a UV-rated spar urethane is applied to both the front and back. Address and welcome signs come with a single layer of UV coating.

D-ring hardware is attached for hanging regular flags. Orders can be customized with engravings, emblems, or custom carvings.

Address Wooden Flag Signs with 4 to 5 numbers measure 39 in. high by 9 in. wide and cost \$105.

The weathered rustic glory handmade wooden American flag comes in small (17 1/2 in. by 9 1/2 in.), medium, large and colossal (57 in. by 32 in.) sizes and ranges in price from \$95 to \$460, with free U.S. shipping on most flag orders.

Oversized flags are shipped via LTL freight



Address and welcome signs come fully weatherproofed.

on a custom-built pallet.

Buffalo Reclaimed has over 25,000 customers. It offers a 15% military and first responder discount. Orders can be placed on the website or by calling and have a 3 to 5-week lead time.

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Miniature Therapy Horses Are Changing Lives

Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses of Ocala, Fla., is dedicated to bringing joy to those who need it most.

"It's always a magical experience when a real horse walks into the hospital room of a sick child," says Education Director Debbie Garcia-Bengochea. "Our teams of tiny horses bring love to thousands of adults and children each year inside hospitals, hospice programs and assisted living programs, and to the families, veterans and first responders who have experienced traumatic events."

This award-winning charity is approaching three decades of operation.

"We were the first miniature therapy horse charity in the world," she says. "We started with children in high-crime neighborhoods who had never seen a horse before. Our program has developed and improved ever since."

Today, teams of tiny horses visit thousands of children and adults every year.

"Our horses work within oncology units, intensive care units, and with occupational,



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speech and physical therapists as part of the treatment for patients who have suffered strokes, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations and burns," Garcia-Bengochea says.

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Many of South Dakota's round and polygonal barns still stand, and a large number remain in use.



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Round Barn On National Historic Register

The J. Whitney Goff Round Barn in Winfred, S.D., is a historic building that reflects the era in which it was built. According to the United States Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Places, the barn "embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction."

The barn was used between 1915 and 1943. It's the work of Johnston Brothers Clay Works of Fort Dodge, Iowa, a company that built its first barn in 1910 in Iowa and expanded operations westward. The J. Whitney Goff Round Barn is one of seven that the company built in South Dakota. Records show that the barn's original design included a dome roof, but it was replaced with a gambrel conical roof after a tornado in 1943.

Round barns, like the Goff, showcase several technological advances from the era. One is an interior silo, an invention from the 1880s that didn't catch on until the 1900s.

horses learn to walk up and down steps, ride in elevators, and carefully move around hospital and television studio equipment. They also learn how to stay calm around unexpected sounds, like ambulances and alarms.

The training time is worth it, as healthy miniature horses can live into their thirties, years longer than a standard-sized horse.

"Our horses make it look easy, but working inside is a challenge for any animal," Garcia-Bengochea says. "They're always learning new skills. Each horse must keep up with their training and exercise. And yes, they're all bathroom trained—there's no poop bags."

They're transported in a horsebox van, which makes traveling through cities and parking in front of hospitals easier.

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Another innovation is the self-supporting gambrel roof, along with the use of hollow clay tile as the primary building material. At the time, clay tile was considered a superior material because it was affordable, easy to clean, and more sanitary and durable than wood.

The barn's clay tiles are built on a concrete foundation. The interior silo projects through the center of the roof.

Walk inside, and you'll find a simplistic interior with stanchions around the exterior walls, along with an interior silo. Above the stanchions is a second floor, complete with a wooden ladder along the side of the silo for access to the second floor. The first floor's ceiling houses a metal track.

Unlike the surrounding states, many of South Dakota's round and polygonal barns still stand. Many of these barns are still in use or in a restoration process. Their owners take pride in their piece of South Dakota's agricultural history and aim to preserve it for future generations.

Currently, the J. Whitney Goff Round Barn sits on an active farm.

daily care of horses of any size," Garcia-Bengochea says. "Each horse works two days a week at most and otherwise lives a very everyday life with a forever herd. They run over many acres and are protected by a team of livestock guardian dogs."

"Reading with Horses," another popular program offered by Gentle Carousel, aims to inspire a love for books. The miniature horses make visits to schools, libraries, mentoring programs and other literacy events, providing grade-appropriate books and activities at each stop.

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