

Tables for Artist's Studio

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The following instructions are for two different tables. One is a small square, easel side table and the other is a larger rectangular worktable. The supports outside the legs were inspired by the art tables of Stephen La Rocco.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

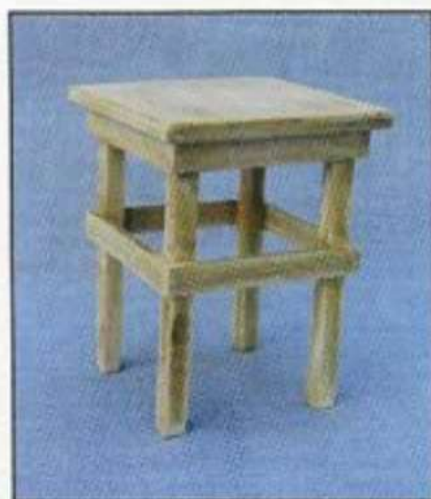
- Hand cutter or miter box and saw
- Sandpaper or sanding sticks
- Tacky glue
- Small steel L-angle ruler for measuring wood thickness
- Stain or paint

Wood list for easel side table:

1/8" x 2" x 2"
5/32" x 5/32" x 10"
1/16" x 3/16" x 14"

Wood list for larger worktable:

1/8" x 2" x 3-1/2"
3/16" x 3/16" x 10"
3/32" x 1/4" x 24"

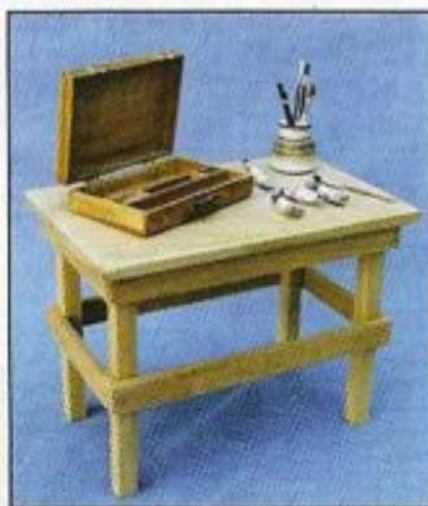


Square Easel Side Table

Top: from 1/8" x 2" x 2"
cut 1 piece 1-3/4" x 1-3/4"

Legs: from 5/32" x 5/32" x 10"
cut 4 pieces, each 2" long

Braces: from 1/16" x 3/16" x 14"
cut 4 pieces, each 1-1/2" long
cut 4 pieces, each 1-3/8" long



BRACES:

Make a box using two 1-1/2" long pieces outside two of the 1-3/8" pieces, narrow side down. (Figure 1) Make a second box identical to the first.

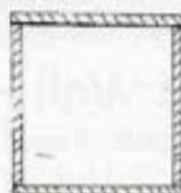


Figure 1

When completely dry, glue one of the boxes to the underside of the top, centering it evenly on all sides. (Figure 2)

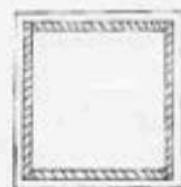


Figure 2

LEGS:

Sand the legs until they are all the same length. Glue the legs inside the four corners of the box on the underside of the top. (Figure 3)

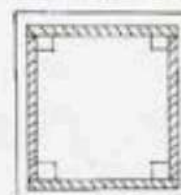


Figure 3



FINISHING:

When the glue has set, slide the second box over the legs. Glue the box in place, approximately 1" from the floor. (Figure 4) Lightly bevel the table top. Stain or paint and distress as desired.

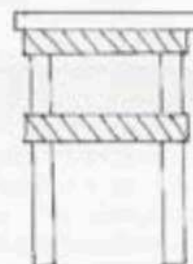


Figure 4



Rectangular Worktable

Top: from 1/8" x 2" x 3-1/2"
cut 1 piece 2" x 3-1/4"

Legs: from 3/16" x 3/16" x 10"
cut 4 pieces, each 2-1/4" long

Braces: from 3/32" x 1/4" x 24"
cut 4 pieces, each 3-1/16" long
cut 4 pieces, each 1-9/16" long

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BRACES:

Make a box using two of 3-1/16" long pieces outside two of the 1-9/16" pieces, narrow side down. (Figure 5) Make a second box identical to the first.



Figure 5

When completely dry, glue one of the boxes to the underside of the top, centering it evenly on all sides. (Figure 6)



Figure 6

LEGS:

Sand the legs until they are all the same length. Glue the legs inside the four corners of the box on the underside of the top. (Figure 7)

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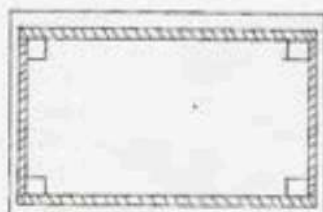


Figure 7

When the glue has set, slide the second box over the legs. Glue the box in place, approximately 1" from the floor. (Figure 8) Lightly bevel the table top. Stain or paint and distress as desired.

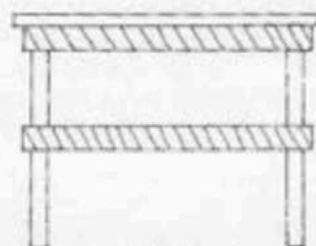


Figure 8

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French Inspired Wall Hung Dish Rack

By Beth Bergman, New Orleans, LA



My dish rack is slightly different than the one the directions make as I customized it to fit the dishes I was going to use. On the front stiles I split a long turning, painted it black, and glued the pieces on. Instead of arcs, I cut the top front facing with angles, and then added black-painted wooden knobs like finials. And on the top shelf, I put the bar down at shelf level because I was putting cups and saucers on that shelf. This piece

would be great in any kitchen or dining room, or use it on the wall of your tea shop.

SUPPLY LIST

- 1 piece scribed wood 4-1/2" by 3-1/2". Use evenly or unevenly scribed, as you like.
- 2 pieces wood 4-1/2" by 1/2" by 3/32". These are the top and bottom.
- 2 pieces wood 1/2" by 3-5/16" by 3/32". These are the sides.
- 2 pieces wood 4-5/16" by 7/16" by 3/32". These are the shelves.
- 3 dowels, 1/16" diameter, 4-1/2" long.
- 2 strips 1/16" thick, 4-1/2" long, 1/8" wide. These are side facings.
- Top trim -
Option 1: cut your own from wood 1/16" thick, 4-1/2" by 3/8" (see diagram below)
Option 2: use pre-sawn fancy trim of your choice.
- Use wood glue only. Do not stain or paint before assembly. Glue neatly!
- You will also need a hand drill with a 1/16" bit.

Assembly Instructions

1. On a flat surface, glue the sides between the top and bottom pieces. Keep square! Let glue dry.
2. Glue scribed wood to one side of this assembly, with scribed side facing in to make a decorative back. Let dry, then gently sand entire assembly as needed to make edges flush.
3. Bottom of lower shelf is 1-1/16" above bottom. Second shelf is 1-1/16" above the first. This should leave about 1" between the second shelf and the top. Check all measurements before gluing!
4. Glue shelves in place, being sure they are level. Fronts of shelves will be slightly in from the front of the side pieces.
5. Glue fancy trim to top and between sides. Glue facing strips to sides as shown in diagram. All should be flush with front of top, bottom and sides.

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