INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAFTING TABLE.



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MATERIALS

Compass Pencil Sandpaper (medium and fine) Drill Drill bits (1/4" & 5/16") Try Square Mitre Box Mitre Box Mitre Saw Robertson #6 Screwdriver Protractor Tape measure Square

TOOLS

2 4'x1"x3" 4 3'x1"x3" 4 2'x1"x3" 1 2'x1"x6" 3/4" plywood 2'x3'

> 2 1/4" bolts 2 1/4" nuts 1 1/4" wing nut 6 1/4" washers

TECHNIQUES YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW

COUNTERSINKING

Countersinking is a process where two holes of different sizes and depth are made on the same spot on a piece of wood. This is done to allow a woodscrew to be set into the wood so that it won't protrude, or split the wood when being tightened.

You can buy special drill bits to do it easily, but I recommend using two separate bits.

First, drill all the way through the wood with a 5/16th bit (See FIG A). Then drill to the depth of about a quarter of an inch with a 1/4 inch drill bit (See FIG B). This will result in a hole like the one in the diagram (See FIG C).











STEP 1 - SUPPORT STRUTS

Choose a 4 foot 1x3

Mark a spot that is 1" from one end, and 1.25" from the edge.

Set COMPASS for 1.25". Placing the point of the compass on the mark, draw a semi-circle on the end of the piece of wood. (See FIG 1).

With a KEYHOLE SAW, cut along line (FIG 2).

Sand edges.

Drill 1/4" hole through mark (FIG 3).

Set piece of wood on edge. From uncut end, measure two lines at 2.75" and 29.25" (FIG 4).

Flip wood to expose other edge, and mark two more lines at the same measurements.

Repeat Step 1 on another 4 foot 1x3.

STEP 2 - FEET

Choose a 3 foot 1x3

From one end of the piece of wood, measure and mark two lines at 8" and 10.75". Using a TRY SQUARE, draw lines across the width of the wood (FIG 5).

Place one end of the piece of wood in a MITRE BOX, and use a 45 degree angle to cut through the wood (FIG 6).

Repeat for the other end of the plank.

Sand edges.

Repeat Step 2 on 3 more pieces of 3 foot 1x3's.







STEP 6 - THE AXLES

Choose a 2 foot 1x6.

Cutitin half so that you have two units that are roughly rectangular.

Choose one of these pieces of wood.

Along the long edge, mark a point that is 4" from the end, and 1" from the edge.

Using the COMPASS, mark two arcs from the center point, one that is 2.5", and the other at 3.75" (FIG15).

Using a KEYHOLE SAW, cut along the outer edge.

Sand all edges.

Using a PROTRACTOR, measure off the center point, adn mark points at 15 degree increments along the inner line (FIG 16).

Drill each of these points through with a 1/4" drill bit (FIG 17).

Drill out the center point with a 1/4" drill bit.

Countersink 3 holes 1/2" from the straight edge (FIG 18).

Cut a 1x3 6" long.

Countersink 4 holes, one in each corner (FIG 19).

Attach axle to one edge of this piece of wood, using 4 #6 1 1/4 woodscrews (FIG 20).

Repeat process for other axle.





Place Base on its feet.

Balance table top on support struts so that the centre holes on the axles line up with the top hole on the support strut.

Attach bolt with washers through this top hole (FIG 25).

Attach bolt with wing nuts through the bottom hole.

Finished product will ressemble diagram to the right.