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Entryway Bench and Storage Shelf with Hooks

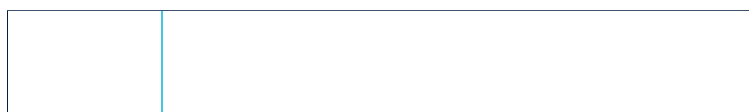
So I built this and it was in my house for forever. And I loved it. The only problem was in the winter, there were so many coats piled on it . . . so I gave it to one of my very happy friends. Then my husband commented that he missed it, and it was one of his favorite pieces :(Guess what? I'm planning to build it again. Another note, I also built this in a smaller size (as many others have) to custom fit a small space. This system really is perfect.



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Shopping List:

Shopping List for the Bench 1 - 1x12 @ 12 feet long 1 - 1x12 @ 6 feet long 2 - 1x4 @ 8 feet long Shelf Shopping List 2 - 1x8 @ 8 feet long 1 - 1x3 @ 6 feet long 1 - 1x6 @ 6 feet long Scrap Plywood 3 Double Hooks

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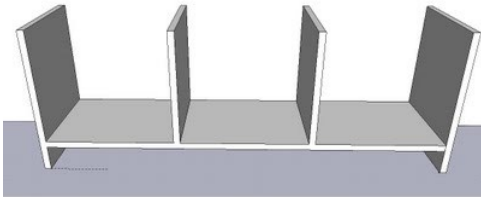
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48" wide x 14" deep x 18" tall (seat) - Bench

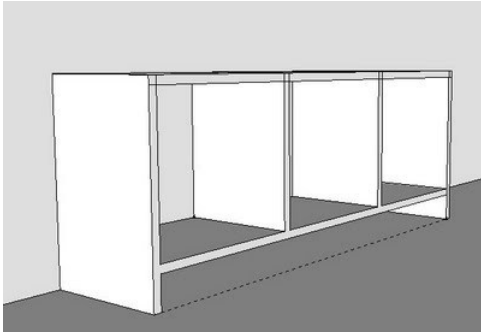
Cut List:

Bench Cut List 2 - 1x12 @ 17 1/4" (sides) 2 - 1x12 @ 13 1/2" (vertical dividers) 1 - 1x12 @ 46 1/2" (bottom shelf) 2 - 1x12 @ 48" (top shelves, doubled up) 1 - 1x4 @ 49 1/2" (back lip for top) 2 - 1x4 @ 11 1/2" (side lip for top) 2 - 1x4 @ 11 1/2" (side toekick) 1 - 1x4 @ 49 1/2" (front toekick) plywood for back, 18"x48" Shelf Cut List 2 - 1x8 @ 46 1/2" (bottom shelf and vertical board for hooks) 2 - 1x8 @ 15 3/4" (sides) 2 - 1x8 @ 7 1/2" (vertical dividers) 1 - 1x8 @ 48" (top, bottom piece) 1 - 1x3 @ 49" (top, top back piece) 1 - 1x6 @ 49" (top, top front piece) plywood for back 8" x 48" 3 double hooks



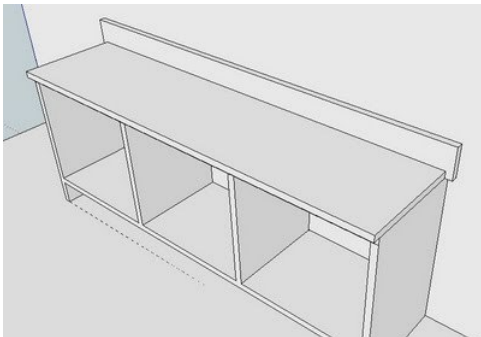
Step 1:

1. Box. Begin building the bench as shown, keeping all edges flush and leaving 3" from the bottom of the bottom shelf and the bottom of the bench. Make the cubbies 15" wide.

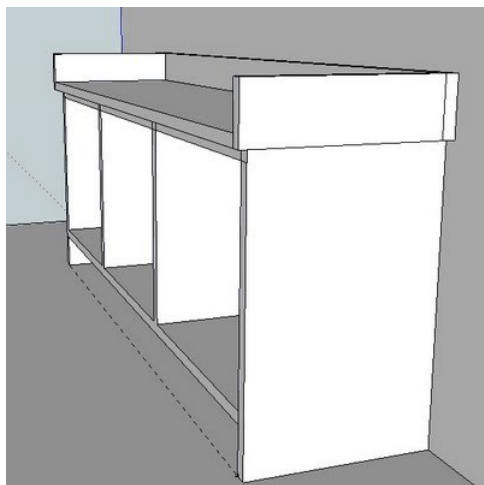


Step 2 Instructions:

2. Top. Place one of the top pieces on top of the bench as shown, keeping everything flush.

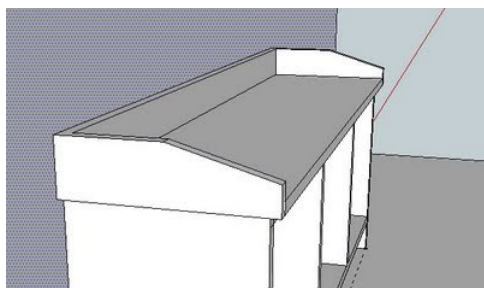


Top. Now add the second 1x12 @ 48" on top of the previous one (from step 2), placing a 1x4 behind it. Overhand the 1x4 3/4" on either end, and nail the 1x4 into the top 1x12, and the top 1x12 into the bottom 1x12. The top 1x12 should be flush on the sides, and overhand the front 3/4".



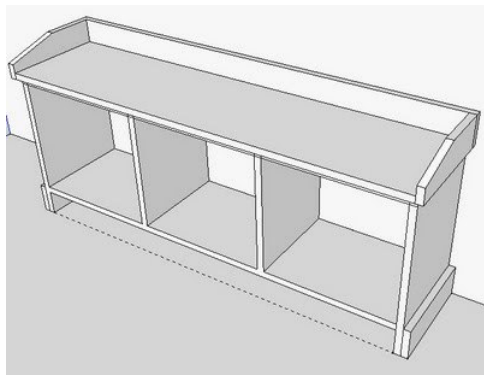
Step 4 Instructions:

Top Sides. Take the two 1x4 side lip pieces, and attach to the top 1x12 x 48" as shown.



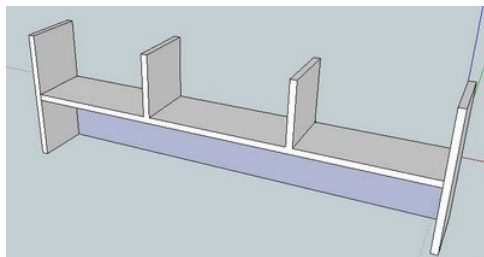
Step 5 Instructions:

Side Cut Down. Find the midpoints of the side lip pieces and draw a diagonal and trim as shown above.



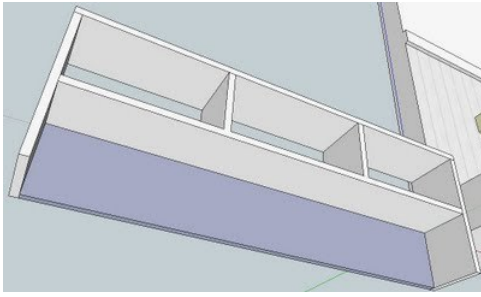
Step 6 Instructions:

Bottom Sides. Add the bottom side toekick pieces, keeping everything flush as shown above. Bottom Front. Add the front toekick, nailing into the side pieces as shown. Cut the front toekick piece out as desired. The diagram shown was not cut out. 8. Back. Add the plywood to the back, and fill nail holes with wood filler. Sand and finish as desired.



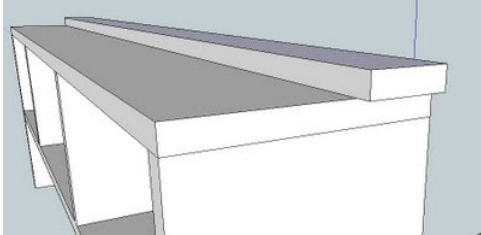
Step 7 Instructions:

Shelf Construction. Begin building the shelf by attaching the side pieces to the bottom shelf piece as shown. Leave 7 1/2" on either side of the shelf. The shelf will be centered on the sides, as pictured. Attach the board where the hooks will be placed, and the vertical dividers. Leave 15" between each divider, making each cubby 15" wide.



Step 8 Instructions:

Top. Attach the 1x8 48" board on top of the shelf as shown.



Step 9 Instructions:

Second Top. Now attach the 1x3 board as shown, on top of the 1x8 attached in step 3. Leave a 1/2" overhang on either side.

Project Type:

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Natalie replied on Fri, 2010-01-08 13:24 [Permalink](#)

[I can not believe this...I](#)

I can not believe this...I just sent this same photo of this bench and shelf to my dad to make for me. I was giddy that I found the plans on your site! Thank you! Thank you!

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Casey replied on Fri, 2010-01-22 07:00 [Permalink](#)

[Thank you so much for these](#)

Thank you so much for these plans. I have been looking all over. I cannot wait to get started and I love your site! I recently got some new tools from my husband for Christmas and can't wait to use them.

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Nancy replied on Sat, 2010-01-23 12:10 [Permalink](#)

[Am headed to Lowe's this](#)

Am headed to Lowe's this weekend to purchase some wood. Will post the results here! Thx for sharing your plan!

Nancy

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Karen replied on Sat, 2010-01-23 23:42 [Permalink](#)

[Hi Ana, I'm preparing a cut](#)

Hi Ana, I'm preparing a cut plan for the bench and wonder about the 2x12 for the sides and vertical dividers. In the pic they sure don't look 2". Can you clarify?

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Hello. They're all 1x boards. There's an extra board at the end of the cut list that isn't needed/used. Please note that 1x boards are actually 3/4" thickness.

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[catcar](#) replied on Sat, 2016-09-24 17:04 [Permalink](#)

[I see the plans were updated...this was an old post](#)

Hi. After I replied to a post, I kept reading on (the replies aren't always indented under the original questions) and noticed the plan used to mention 2" boards. This has been fixed a long time ago. Sorry for any confusion.

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Ana White replied on Thu, 2010-01-28 09:57 [Permalink](#)

[Let me check on this, but the](#)

Let me check on this, but the bench is made of only 1x12 sides, no 2x boards. You are correct.

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Bill H replied on Wed, 2010-02-10 15:22 [Permalink](#)

[jdreier, looking at the cut](#)

jdreier, looking at the cut list the bench is going to be around 50" long, maybe a little more.

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the michalski's replied on Wed, 2010-02-10 17:08 [Permalink](#)

[i am so excited to find your](#)

i am so excited to find your blog and these plans! i have been wanting this storage bench for a LONG time. i have a couple questions though...first, what kind of wood did you use to make the bench? second, i see it notes to use plywood on the back, but from the pictures i see beadboard on the inside of the cubbies. did you nail that to the plywood and then attach to the back? thanks so much for the help! i can't wait to make one of my own!!

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Ana White replied on Wed, 2010-02-10 20:43 [Permalink](#)

[The bench measures](#)

The bench measures approximately 49" wide.

I did use beadboard on the back, 1/4" thick. You can usually interchange plywood beadboard with beadboard. My bench is made of simple pine boards.

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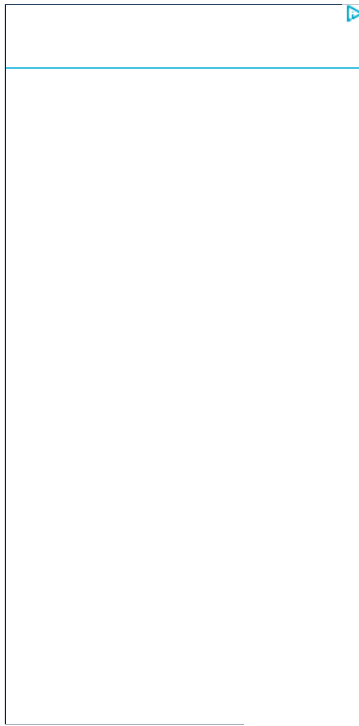
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