



Beginner Woodworking Workbook

Plan it on paper

General information only.
Follow your tool manuals.

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Shop safety checklist

Before every session.

Before you start	OK
☐ Safety glasses on	
☐ Hearing protection for power tools	
☐ Dust mask for sanding and cutting	
☐ Hair tied back, no loose sleeves or jewelry	
☐ Blade guards in place	
☐ Push sticks within reach	
☐ Tools unplugged when changing blades	
☐ Floor clear of cords and offcuts	
☐ Not tired or rushed	
☐ Someone knows you're working	

Tool inventory

Have it, borrow it, or buy it later.

Tool	Have	Borrow	Buy	Notes
Tape measure	☐	☐	☐	
Combination square	☐	☐	☐	
Hand saw	☐	☐	☐	
Clamps	☐	☐	☐	
Chisels and mallet	☐	☐	☐	
Block plane	☐	☐	☐	
Drill-driver	☐	☐	☐	
Random orbit sander	☐	☐	☐	
Circular saw or jigsaw	☐	☐	☐	
Pocket-hole jig	☐	☐	☐	
Safety glasses and ear protection	☐	☐	☐	



Project plan

Sketch it with dimensions. One square = one inch.

Project

Overall size (W x D x H)

Wood

Joints

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Every part. Add 10 to 20% extra wood.

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Finishing log

What you used, and how it turned out.

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Oily rags can catch fire: dry them flat outdoors or keep them in a sealed metal container of water.

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