



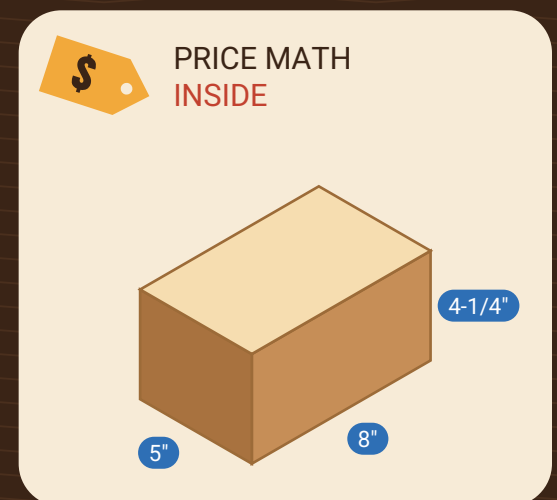
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12 EASY BUILDS WITH PRICE MATH SCRAP WOOD PROJECTS THAT SELL

Turn leftover boards into pieces people buy as gifts: drawings to scale, cut lists, material cost, time and a suggested price with the math shown.

- ✓ Cut list + drawings for 12 projects
- ✓ Material cost and time for each one
- ✓ Suggested price, math included
- ✓ Where to sell and what to bundle



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Pick a project, gather the scraps it needs, build it from the cut list, then price it with the formula.

1

Pick a project

Start with an Easy one. The table below shows size, time and price.

2

Gather scraps

Page 5 shows where to find free or cheap wood safely.

3

Cut and build

Cut every part first, dry fit, then glue and screw in order.

4

Price it right

Page 3: material + your time + margin. Round to \$5.

THE 12 PROJECTS

#	PROJECT	SIZE (in)	TIME	MATERIAL	SELL FOR	PAGE
01	Coaster Set with Holder	5-1/8 x 3-1/2 x 3-3/4	1 h	\$7–\$11	\$30–\$40	6
02	Serving Board with Handle	16 x 7 x 3/4	1.5 h	\$8–\$14	\$40–\$55	7
03	Phone Stand	4 x 3-1/2 x 1-1/2	30 min	\$3–\$4	\$15–\$20	8
04	Key Holder with Mail Shelf	12 x 3-1/2 x 6-1/4	1 h	\$7–\$11	\$30–\$40	9
05	Picture Ledge Shelf	24 x 4-1/4 x 4-1/4	1 h	\$6–\$10	\$25–\$40	10
06	Succulent Planter Box	12 x 5 x 3-1/2	1 h	\$4–\$8	\$25–\$35	11
07	Plank Welcome Sign	18 x 1-1/2 x 10-3/4	1.5 h	\$7–\$12	\$35–\$55	12
08	Wall Spice Rack	16 x 3-1/2 x 16	1.5 h	\$9–\$14	\$40–\$55	13
09	Cookbook & Tablet Stand	12 x 5-1/2 x 7-13/16	1.5 h	\$6–\$9	\$35–\$50	14
10	Magnetic Knife Bar	16 x 3/4 x 2-1/2	1 h	\$13–\$21	\$35–\$50	15
11	Keepsake Box with Lid	8 x 5 x 4-1/4	2 h	\$12–\$20	\$55–\$75	16
12	Platform Bird Feeder	12 x 8-13/16 x 8-1/4	1.5 h	\$10–\$17	\$40–\$60	17

Time = hands-on time for one piece made in a small batch. Material = cost if bought new. Prices: US market references, Oct 2026.



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PRICE MATH

Material + time + margin



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HOW TO PRICE YOUR WORK

One simple formula for every piece in this guide. Change the numbers to your own; the logic stays the same.

MATERIAL

+

HOURS × RATE

× **1.25**

=

PRICE

Material

Wood, glue, screws, hardware and finish, as if you bought them new. Count free scraps too: one day you will buy wood.

Hours

Hands-on time for one piece when you make a small batch: cutting, sanding, finishing. Drying time does not count.

Hourly rate

What your hour is worth. This guide uses \$15/h for the low price and \$20/h for the high price.

Margin 25%

Pays for sandpaper, blades, fees, packaging and the pieces that do not sell. Then round to the nearest \$5.

WORKED EXAMPLE: Serving Board with Handle

- 1 Material (new): \$8 to \$14
- 2 Low: $\$8 + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$15 = \$30.50$
- 3 $\times 1.25 \text{ margin} = \38.13 , round to \$40
- 4 High: $(\$14 + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$20) \times 1.25 = \$55$, round to \$55
- 5 Suggested price: \$40 to \$55

#	TIME	PRICE
01	1 h	\$30–40
02	1.5 h	\$40–55
03	30 min	\$15–20
04	1 h	\$30–40
05	1 h	\$25–40
06	1 h	\$25–35
07	1.5 h	\$35–55
08	1.5 h	\$40–55
09	1.5 h	\$35–50
10	1 h	\$35–50
11	2 h	\$55–75
12	1.5 h	\$40–60

REALITY CHECK

- ✓ Compare with SOLD prices of similar handmade pieces near you, not with factory-made ones.
- ✓ If your price is far above the market, batch to save time or pick another project.
- ✓ Prices here are US market references (Oct 2026). They vary by region, wood and finish.
- ✓ This guide does not promise sales or income. Results depend on your area, quality and time.



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SAFETY FIRST

1 Eyes, ears, lungs

Glasses on every cut, ear muffs with saws and sanders, a dust mask when sanding.

2 Small parts

Never hold a tiny piece near a blade. Cut small parts from a longer board; use clamps.

3 Kitchen items

Hardwood only. No treated wood, MDF, plywood or resin. Food-safe mineral oil.

4 Pallets

Only pallets stamped HT (heat treated). Never MB (chemical). Skip stained or oily ones.

5 Old painted wood

Paint from before 1978 may contain lead. Do not sand, burn or sell old painted scraps.

6 Magnets and oily rags

Strong magnets away from kids. Dry oil-soaked rags flat, outdoors: they can catch fire.

BASIC TOOLS

- ✓ Tape measure + square
- ✓ Jigsaw
- ✓ Clamps (2 to 4)
- ✓ Waterproof wood glue
- ✓ Miter saw or hand saw
- ✓ Drill/driver + bits
- ✓ Sander + 80 to 220 paper
- ✓ Glasses, ear muffs, mask



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HOW TO GATHER SCRAPS

Most of these projects use pieces under 2 ft long. Ask, sort and store them well, and they cost little or nothing.

1 Your own offcuts

Keep every piece over 6" long. Sort by thickness and wood type in labeled bins.

2 Cabinet and furniture shops

Many throw away hardwood ends every week. Ask politely and pick up on a fixed day.

3 Lumber yards and home centers

Ask about a cull or discount cart: short or damaged boards cost less.

4 Construction sites

Ask the builder or site manager first. Never take anything without permission.

5 Pallets: HT only

HT = heat treated, OK for decor (not for food). MB = chemical: never. No stamp: skip it.

6 Free local listings

Neighbors and community groups often give away old furniture and boards.

WHICH SCRAP FOR WHICH PROJECT

WOOD	BEST FOR	WATCH OUT
Maple, cherry, walnut	boards, knife bar, coasters	closed grain: best for food
Oak	boxes, coasters, phone stand	open grain: not for boards
Pine, poplar	shelves, racks, signs, stand	soft: round the edges
Cedar	planter, bird feeder	outdoors, no finish inside
NEVER	treated, MDF, moldy, old paint	not for food, birds or sale



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COASTER SET WITH HOLDER

FINISHED SIZE

5-1/8" W x 3-1/2" D x 3-3/4" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

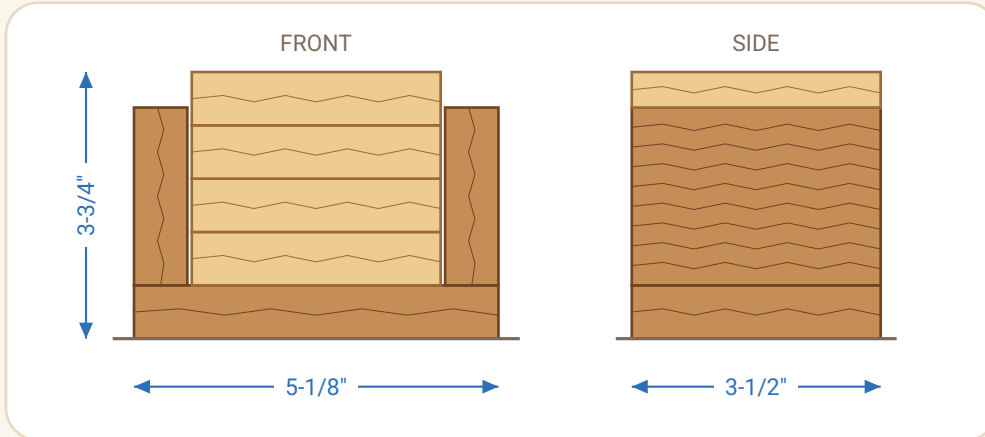
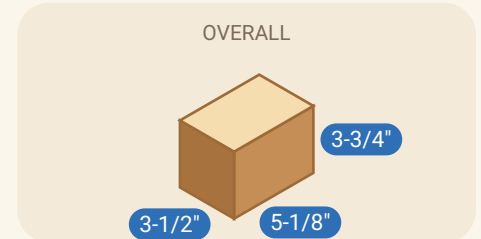
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$7-\$11

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$30-\$40



TOOLS

Miter saw or hand saw, clamp, sandpaper 80/120/220, wood glue

CUT LIST

Wood: hardwood

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Coasters	4	1x4	3-1/2"	3-1/2" squares
Holder base	1	1x4	5-1/8"	
Holder ends	2	1x4	2-1/2"	glued on the base
SCRAPS THAT WORK	1x4: 24-1/8" total (longest 5-1/8"). Short hardwood 1x4 ends: oak, maple, cherry or walnut. Mixed species look great. Hardware: felt or cork dots, wood glue			

PRICE MATH

Low: (\$7 material + 1 h × \$15/h) × 1.25 = \$27.50 · round: \$30

High: (\$11 material + 1 h × \$20/h) × 1.25 = \$38.75 · round: \$40

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut four 3-1/2" squares from a hardwood 1x4, plus the base (5-1/8") and two ends (2-1/2").
- 2 Sand each coaster on sandpaper laid on a flat table: 80, 120, then 220. Ease every edge.
- 3 Glue the two ends on top of the base, flush with its ends and sides. Clamp for 30 minutes.
- 4 Optional: burn or paint initials, a leaf or a simple pattern on the coasters.
- 5 Seal every face with 3 thin coats of water-resistant finish; sand lightly between coats.
- 6 Stick 4 felt or cork dots under each coaster and under the holder.

SAFE FINISH

Water-resistant wipe-on finish, 3 thin coats. Let it cure fully (see the can) before use.

SELLS BEST

Sets of 4 are an easy gift. Offer initials or a simple burned design for weddings and new homes.



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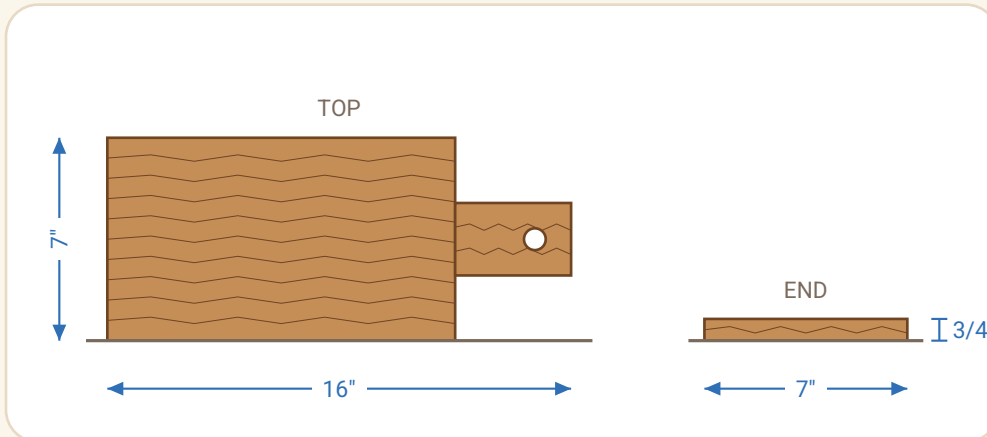
SERVING BOARD WITH HANDLE

FINISHED SIZE
16" W x 7" D x 3/4" H

TIME (1 PIECE)
1.5 h

MATERIAL (NEW)
\$8–\$14

SUGGESTED PRICE
\$40–\$55



TOOLS

Jigsaw, drill + 3/4" spade bit, 2 clamps, sander, paper 80 to 220

CUT LIST

Wood: hardwood

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Board blank	1	3/4" hardwood	16" x 7"	or 2 strips 3-1/2" glued edge to edge
SCRAPS THAT WORK		3/4" hardwood: 16" total, 7" wide. Maple, cherry or walnut offcuts 3/4" thick. Two narrow strips can be glued into one board.		
		Hardware: waterproof wood glue (food-safe when cured), food-safe mineral oil		

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$8 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$38.13 \cdot \text{round: } \40

High: $(\$14 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$55 \cdot \text{round: } \55

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Use closed-grain hardwood (maple, cherry, walnut). No resin, plywood, MDF, treated or painted wood.
- 2 If needed, glue two 3-1/2" strips edge to edge with waterproof glue; clamp overnight, scrape the squeeze-out.
- 3 Draw a 12" x 7" body plus a 4" x 2-1/2" handle centered on one end. Round the corners with a cup.
- 4 Cut the outline with a jigsaw. Drill a 3/4" hanging hole in the handle, 3/4" from the end.
- 5 Sand 80, 120, 180, 220. Wipe with a damp cloth, let it dry, then sand 220 again.
- 6 Flood with food-safe mineral oil, wait 20 minutes, wipe off. Repeat 3 times over 2 days.

SAFE FINISH

Food-safe mineral oil only (or mineral oil + beeswax). Never varnish, paint or resin on a food board.

SELLS BEST

A top gift item. Add a care card and a leather strap; sell a small + large pair at fairs.



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PHONE STAND

FINISHED SIZE

4" W x 3-1/2" D x 1-1/2" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

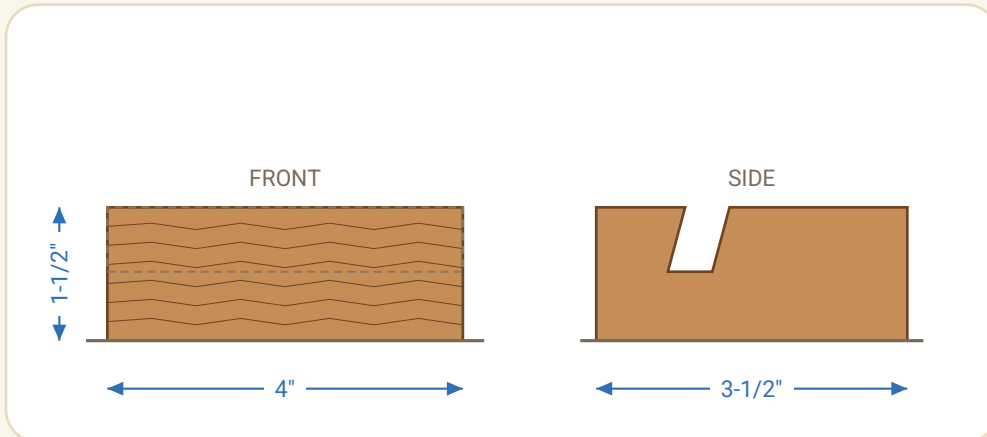
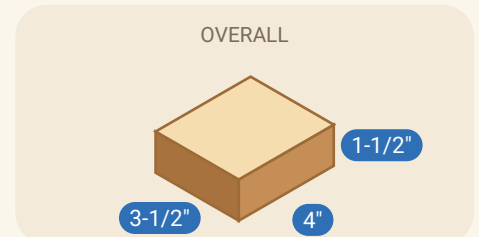
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$3-\$4

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$15-\$20



TOOLS

Table saw or circular saw with bevel, clamps, glue, sandpaper

CUT LIST

Wood: hardwood

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Block layers	2	1x4	4"	glued face to face = 1-1/2"
SCRAPS THAT WORK	1x4: 8" total (longest 4"). Hardwood 1x4 ends. Glue up a 12-1/2" blank and you get 3 stands safely. Hardware: wood glue, 4 felt dots			

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$3 \text{ material} + 0.5 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$13.13 \cdot \text{round: } \15

High: $(\$4 \text{ material} + 0.5 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$17.50 \cdot \text{round: } \20

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Glue two hardwood 1x4 pieces 12-1/2" long face to face. Clamp 1 hour. This blank makes 3 stands.
- 2 Mark the slot along the blank: 1" from the front edge, 1/2" wide, 3/4" deep, leaning back 15°.
- 3 Clamp the blank. With the blade tilted 15° and set 3/4" deep, cut both slot walls, then clear the middle.
- 4 Cut the blank into three 4" stands. Never cut a short block alone: small parts near a blade are dangerous.
- 5 Test a phone in its case; widen the slot with sandpaper wrapped on a ruler if needed.
- 6 Round all edges, sand to 220, finish and add 4 felt dots underneath.

SAFE FINISH

Any oil or wipe-on finish. Let it cure before packing so it does not stick.

SELLS BEST

Cheap impulse buy: keep a stack at the front of your table. Offices order them with a logo.



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KEY HOLDER WITH MAIL SHELF

FINISHED SIZE

12" W x 3-1/2" D x 6-1/4" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

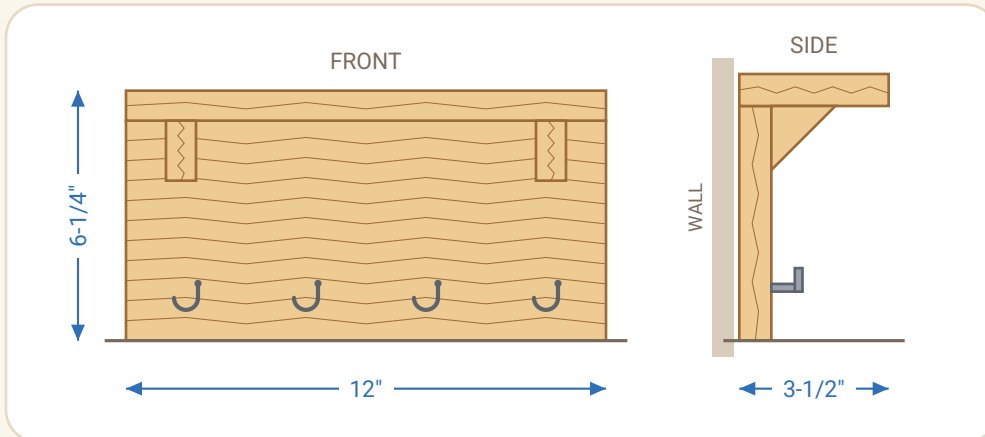
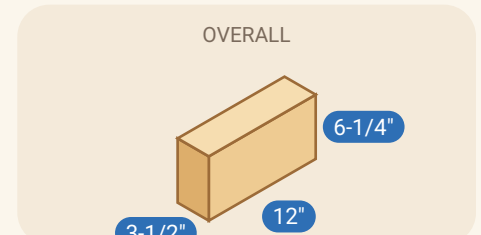
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$7-\$11

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$30-\$40



TOOLS

Saw, drill + bits, countersink, clamps, sander

CUT LIST

Wood: pine

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Back	1	1x6	12"	
Shelf	1	1x4	12"	on the top edge of the back
Brackets	1	1x2	1-1/2"	cut corner to corner = 2
SCRAPS THAT WORK	1x6: 12" total · 1x4: 12" total · 1x2: 1-1/2" total. Pine 1x6 and 1x4 ends 12" long, plus a short 1x2 piece. Hardware: 4 cup hooks, 2 keyhole hangers, 1-5/8" and 1-1/4" screws, glue			

PRICE MATH

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High: (\$11 material + 1 h × \$20/h) × 1.25 = \$38.75 · round: \$40

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut the back (1x6) and the shelf (1x4) at 12". Cut a 1-1/2" piece of 1x2 corner to corner: 2 brackets.
- 2 Glue and screw the shelf onto the top edge of the back, flush at the wall side: three 1-5/8" screws, pre-drilled.
- 3 Glue the brackets under the shelf, 1" in from each end; add one 1-1/4" screw through the back into each.
- 4 Mark 4 hook spots 1-1/4" up from the bottom: 1-1/2" from each end and 3" apart.
- 5 Sand, paint or stain. Pre-drill 1/16" holes and screw in the cup hooks by hand.
- 6 Add 2 keyhole hangers on the back, or screw through the back into a stud or rated anchors.

SAFE FINISH

Paint or stain + 2 coats of water-based poly. Matte black hooks look modern.

SELLS BEST

Best with a name or "Home" burned or painted on. Good housewarming and realtor-gift orders.



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PICTURE LEDGE SHELF

FINISHED SIZE

24" W x 4-1/4" D x 4-1/4" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

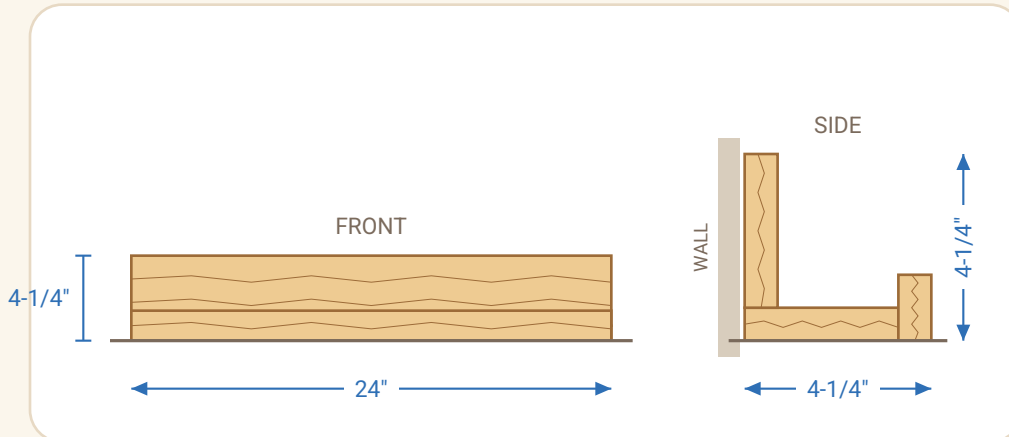
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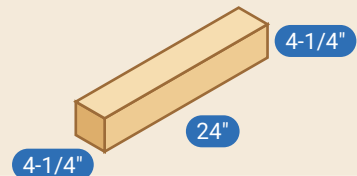
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SUGGESTED PRICE

\$25-\$40



OVERALL



TOOLS

Miter saw, drill, clamps, hammer or brad nailer, sander

CUT LIST

Wood: pine

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Bottom	1	1x4	24"	
Back	1	1x4	24"	stands on the bottom
Front lip	1	1x2	24"	on the front edge
SCRAPS THAT WORK	1x4: 48" total (longest 24") · 1x2: 24" total. Straight 1x4 and 1x2 pine, 24" or longer. Sight down the edge and pick the straightest. Hardware: 1-5/8" screws, 1-1/4" brads, glue, 2-1/2" screws or rated anchors			

PRICE MATH

Low: (\$6 material + 1 h × \$15/h) × 1.25 = \$26.25 · round: \$25

High: (\$10 material + 1 h × \$20/h) × 1.25 = \$37.50 · round: \$40

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut two 1x4 and one 1x2 at 24". Sand all faces before assembly.
- 2 Glue and screw the back onto the bottom from below, flush at the rear: 1-5/8" screws every 6".
- 3 Glue the 1x2 lip to the front edge of the bottom, flush underneath; it rises 3/4" to stop frames.
- 4 Nail the lip with 1-1/4" brads or clamp it until the glue sets.
- 5 Fill holes, sand 120 and 220, paint or stain.
- 6 Mount through the back into at least one stud with 2-1/2" screws; rated anchors for the other end.

SAFE FINISH

Paint or stain, then 2 coats of water-based poly. Offer white, black and natural.

SELLS BEST

Sell in pairs. Nursery and photo-wall buyers often ask for custom lengths (36", 48").



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SUCCULENT PLANTER BOX

FINISHED SIZE

12" W x 5" D x 3-1/2" H

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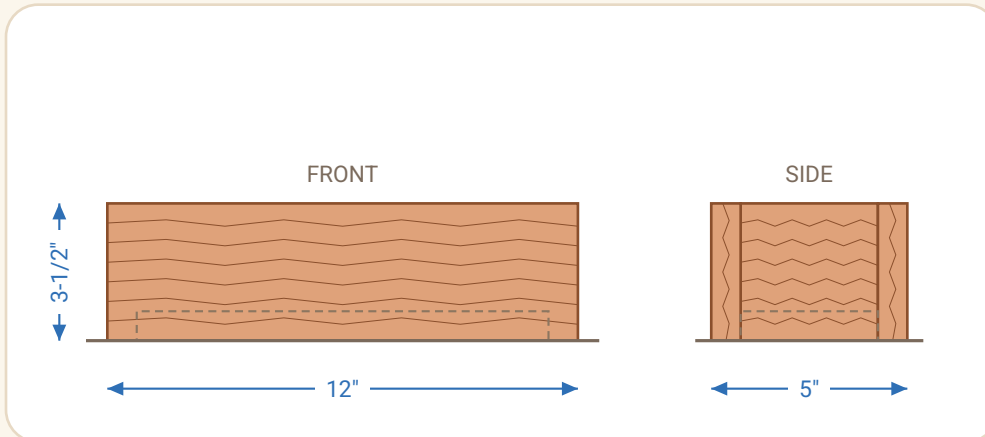
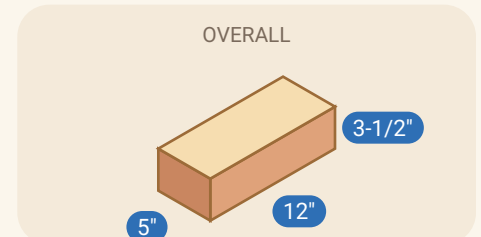
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$4-\$8

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$25-\$35



TOOLS

Saw, drill + 1/4" bit, countersink, clamps, sander

CUT LIST

Wood: cedar

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Long sides	2	1x4	12"	
Ends	2	1x4	3-1/2"	between the long sides
Bottom	1	1x4	10-1/2"	3 drain holes 1/4"
SCRAPS THAT WORK		1x4: 41-1/2" total (longest 12"). Cedar 1x4 ends or untreated pine. Cedar resists water and smells great. Hardware: 1-5/8" exterior screws, exterior glue, plastic liner (optional)		

PRICE MATH

Low: (\$4 material + 1 h × \$15/h) × 1.25 = \$23.75 · round: \$25

High: (\$8 material + 1 h × \$20/h) × 1.25 = \$35 · round: \$35

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut 2 long sides (12"), 2 ends (3-1/2") and the bottom (10-1/2") from 1x4 cedar or untreated pine.
- 2 Glue and screw the ends between the long sides: 1-5/8" exterior screws, two per corner, pre-drilled.
- 3 Drop the bottom in, flush with the lower edges, and screw through the sides into it.
- 4 Drill three 1/4" drain holes in the bottom.
- 5 Sand the outside and round the top edges.
- 6 Finish the outside only, or leave cedar raw. A plastic liner makes it last longer.

SAFE FINISH

Outside only: exterior water-based finish, or leave cedar raw. Never pressure-treated wood for herbs.

SELLS BEST

Sell it planted with 3 succulents for a higher ticket. Great teacher and office gift.



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PLANK WELCOME SIGN

FINISHED SIZE

18" W x 1-1/2" D x 10-3/4" H

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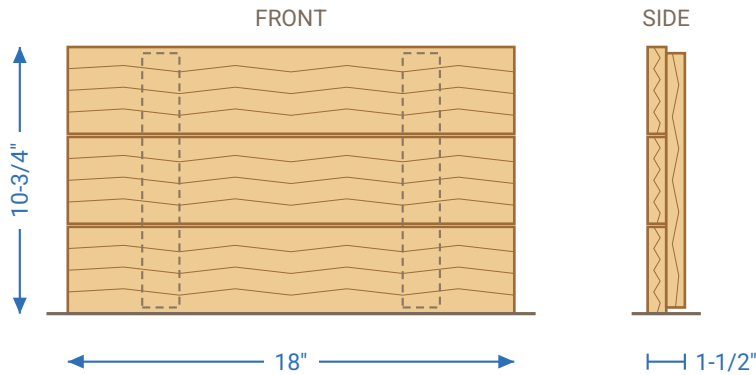
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$7-\$12

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$35-\$55



TOOLS

Saw, drill, clamps, small brushes, printer + pencil or a stencil

CUT LIST

Wood: pine

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Slats	3	1x4	18"	1/8" gaps
Back cleats	2	1x2	10-1/4"	3" in from each end
SCRAPS THAT WORK		1x4: 54" total (longest 18") · 1x2: 20-1/2" total (longest 10-1/4"). Three matching 1x4 boards, or reclaimed boards (pallet wood only if stamped HT). Hardware: 1-1/4" screws, glue, sawtooth hanger or rope, paint, stencil or transfer paper		

PRICE MATH

Low: (\$7 material + 1.5 h × \$15/h) × 1.25 = \$36.88 · round: \$35

High: (\$12 material + 1.5 h × \$20/h) × 1.25 = \$52.50 · round: \$55

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut 3 slats (18") and 2 cleats (10-1/4"). Sand the faces and soften the edges.
- 2 Lay the slats face down with 1/8" gaps. Place the cleats 3" in from each end, 1/4" from top and bottom.
- 3 Glue and screw each cleat to every slat with 1-1/4" screws: they go 1/2" in and never poke through.
- 4 Paint or stain the front and let it dry fully.
- 5 Transfer the lettering: print it, rub pencil on the back and trace, or use a stencil. Paint the letters.
- 6 Seal with 2 clear coats (exterior if outdoors). Add a sawtooth hanger or a rope.

SAFE FINISH

Indoors: water-based poly. Porch: exterior clear finish, 2 to 3 coats.

SELLS BEST

Custom names and dates sell best: weddings, new homes, porches. Take orders with a deposit.



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WALL SPICE RACK

FINISHED SIZE

16" W x 3-1/2" D x 16" H

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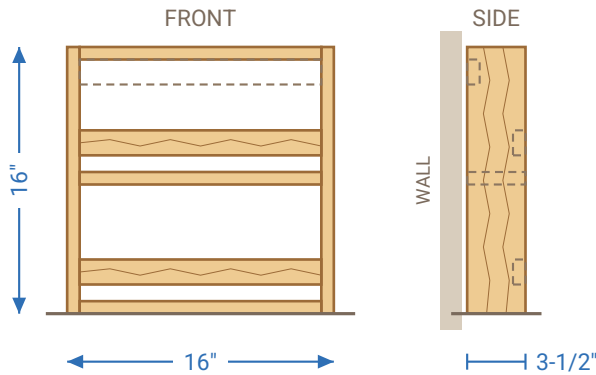
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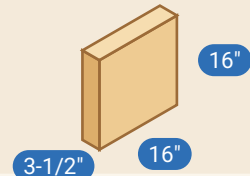
\$9-\$14

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$40-\$55



OVERALL



TOOLS

Miter saw, drill, countersink, clamps, square, sander

CUT LIST

Wood: pine

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Sides	2	1x4	16"	
Shelves	3	1x4	14-1/2"	between the sides
Front rails	2	1x2	14-1/2"	1" above each lower shelf
Hanging cleat	1	1x2	14-1/2"	under the top shelf, back
SCRAPS THAT WORK		1x4: 75-1/2" total (longest 16") · 1x2: 43-1/2" total (longest 14-1/2"). 1x4 pine pieces 16" long and 1x2 strips. Poplar paints beautifully. Hardware: 1-5/8" screws, 1-1/4" screws, glue, 2-1/2" screws or rated anchors		

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$9 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$39.38 \cdot \text{round: } \40

High: $(\$14 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$55 \cdot \text{round: } \55

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut 2 sides (16") and 3 shelves (14-1/2") from 1x4; 2 rails and 1 cleat (14-1/2") from 1x2.
- 2 Mark the shelves on both sides: bottom flush, middle 7-3/4" up, top flush with the top.
- 3 Glue and screw the shelves between the sides, two 1-5/8" screws per joint. Check square.
- 4 Screw the rails between the sides at the front, 1" above the bottom and middle shelves.
- 5 Screw the 1x2 cleat under the top shelf at the back, 1-1/4" screws through the sides.
- 6 Sand, finish, then screw through the cleat into a stud or rated wall anchors.

SAFE FINISH

Water-based poly or paint. Hang it away from direct stove heat.

SELLS BEST

Offer 2 widths (12" and 16") or build to fit the customer's jars. Add jar labels as an extra.



SAFETY FIRST

Glasses, ears, push sticks



REAL SIZES

1x4 = 3/4" x 3-1/2"



PRICE MATH

Material + time + margin



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COOKBOOK & TABLET STAND

FINISHED SIZE

12" W x 5-1/2" D x 7-13/16" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

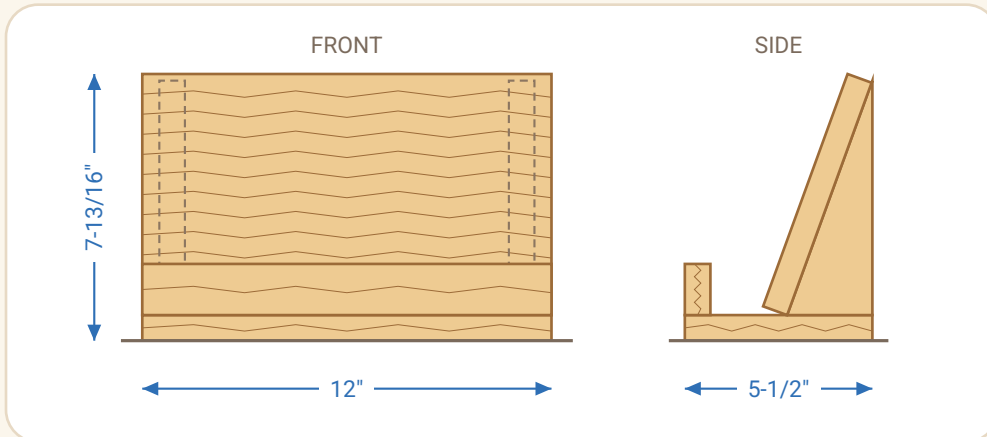
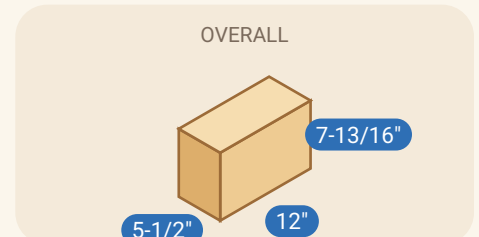
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$6-\$9

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$35-\$50



TOOLS

Miter saw, jigsaw or hand saw for the diagonal, drill, clamps

CUT LIST

Wood: pine

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Base	1	1x6	12"	
Back panel	1	1x8	12"	leans on the braces
Front lip	1	1x2	12"	on edge
Side braces	1	1x4	6-7/8" x 2-1/2"	cut corner to corner = 2
SCRAPS THAT WORK				
1x6: 12" total · 1x8: 12" total · 1x2: 12" total · 1x4: 6-7/8" total, 2-1/2" wide. 1x6, 1x8 and 1x2 pine ends 12" long, plus a 7" piece of 1x4 for the braces. Hardware: 1-1/4" and 1-5/8" screws, wood glue				

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$6 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$35.63 \cdot \text{round: } \35

High: $(\$9 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$48.75 \cdot \text{round: } \50

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut the base (1x6), back panel (1x8) and lip (1x2), all at 12".
- 2 Rip a 1x4 to 2-1/2" x 6-7/8" and cut it corner to corner: these are the 2 side braces.
- 3 Glue and screw the braces on the base, tall side flush with the rear edge, 1/2" in from each end.
- 4 Lay the back panel on the sloped edges and screw through it into the braces, 2 screws per brace.
- 5 Glue and screw the 1x2 lip on edge along the front of the base to hold the book.
- 6 Sand, round the corners and finish.

SAFE FINISH

Water-based poly so kitchen splashes wipe right off.

SELLS BEST

Burn or paint "Family Recipes" or a name. Strong for Mother's Day and bridal showers.



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PRICE MATH

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MAGNETIC KNIFE BAR

FINISHED SIZE

16" W x 3/4" D x 2-1/2" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

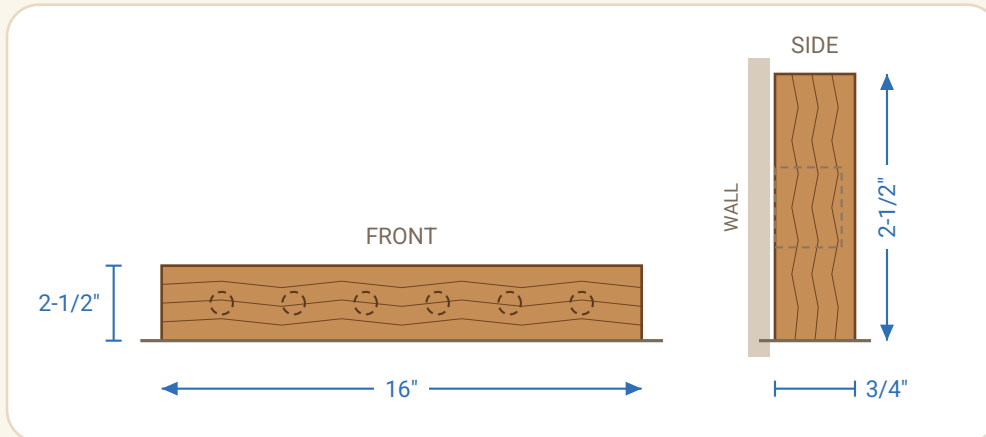
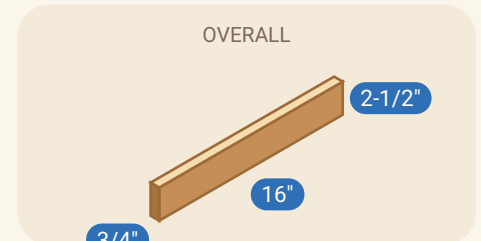
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$13–\$21

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$35–\$50



TOOLS

Drill + 3/4" Forstner bit with depth stop, clamps, sander

CUT LIST

Wood: hardwood

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Bar	1	3/4" hardwood	16" x 2-1/2"	6 holes 3/4" from the back
SCRAPS THAT WORK		3/4" hardwood: 16" total, 2-1/2" wide. A hardwood strip 16" or longer: maple, walnut, cherry or oak. Hardware: 12 rare-earth disc magnets 3/4" x 1/4", 2-part epoxy, 2 screws + anchors		

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$13 \text{ material} + 1 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \35 · round: \$35High: $(\$21 \text{ material} + 1 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \51.25 · round: \$50

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Rip a straight hardwood strip to 2-1/2" and cut it 16" long. Sand the front face to 220.
- 2 On the back, mark 6 holes on the center line: the first 2" from each end, the rest evenly spaced.
- 3 Drill each hole with a 3/4" Forstner bit 5/8" deep, leaving 1/8" of wood on the front. Use a depth stop.
- 4 Glue 2 stacked magnets in each hole with 2-part epoxy, same side facing out. Let it cure.
- 5 Finish with oil; test that a chef's knife holds firmly.
- 6 Drill 2 countersunk holes and screw into a stud or rated anchors, out of children's reach.

SAFE FINISH

Mineral oil or wipe-on finish. Keep magnets away from kids; warn buyers who use a pacemaker.

SELLS BEST

Walnut or mixed strips look premium. Pair it with the serving board as a kitchen set.



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PRICE MATH

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KEEPSAKE BOX WITH LID

FINISHED SIZE

8" W x 5" D x 4-1/4" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

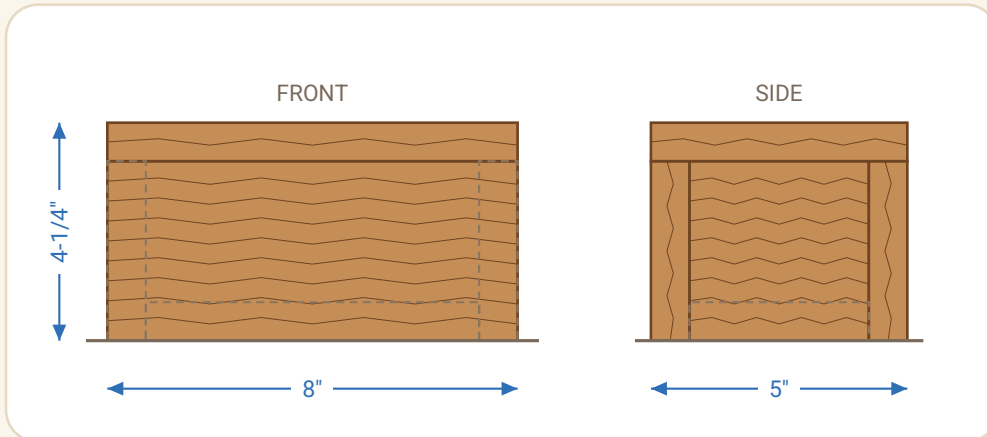
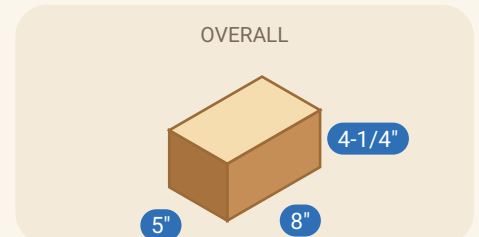
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$12-\$20

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$55-\$75



TOOLS

Miter saw, clamps, drill + small bits, sander, screwdriver

CUT LIST

Wood: hardwood

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Front & back	2	1x4	8"	
Ends	2	1x4	3-1/2"	between front and back
Bottom	1	1x4	6-1/2"	fits inside
Lid	1	1x6	8" x 5"	

SCRAPS THAT WORK

1x4: 29-1/2" total (longest 8") · 1x6: 8" total, 5" wide. Hardwood 1x4 and 1x6 ends. A lid in a contrasting wood looks great.

Hardware: 2 small 1" hinges, 5/8" screws, 1" brads, glue, felt dots

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$12 \text{ material} + 2 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$52.50 \cdot \text{round: } \55

High: $(\$20 \text{ material} + 2 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$75 \cdot \text{round: } \75

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Cut front, back, ends and bottom from a hardwood 1x4; rip a 1x6 to 5" and cut the 8" lid.
- 2 Glue and clamp the ends between the front and back; check square. Add 1" brads.
- 3 Glue the bottom inside, flush with the lower edges.
- 4 Sand the box and lid to 220; round the lid edges.
- 5 Set the lid on, mark 2 hinges 1" from each end at the back, pre-drill and screw them on.
- 6 Finish with oil or wipe-on finish; add felt dots underneath.

SAFE FINISH

Oil or wipe-on finish. Line the inside with felt for a jewelry box.

SELLS BEST

Personalize the lid (names, date).
Wedding, anniversary and graduation gift orders.



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PRICE MATH

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PLATFORM BIRD FEEDER

FINISHED SIZE

12" W x 8-13/16" D x 8-1/4" H

TIME (1 PIECE)

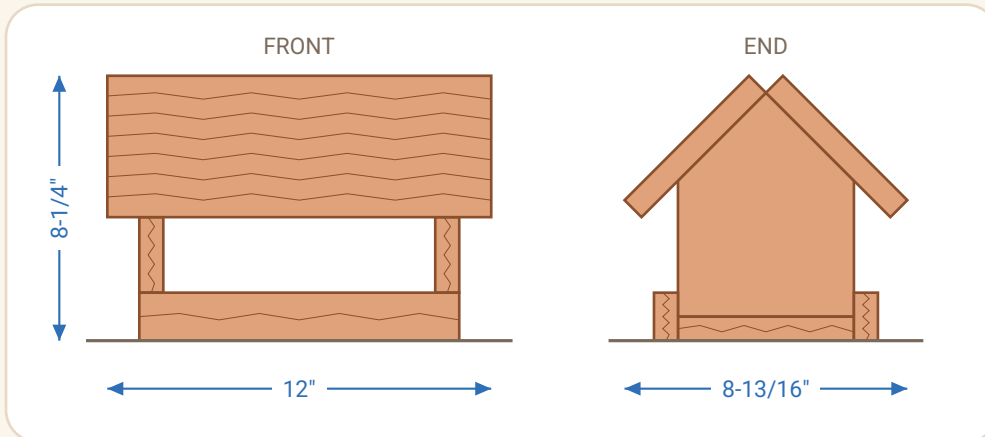
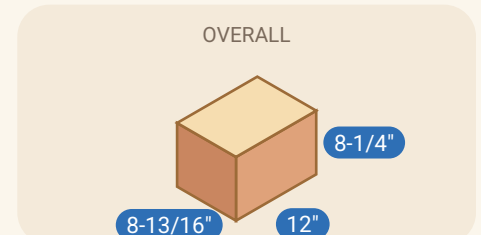
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MATERIAL (NEW)

\$10–\$17

SUGGESTED PRICE

\$40–\$60



TOOLS

Miter saw or jigsaw for the peak, drill, countersink, square

CUT LIST

Wood: cedar

PART	QTY	STOCK	SIZE	NOTE
Floor	1	1x6	10"	4 drain holes 1/4"
End walls	2	1x6	7"	90° peak on top
Roof panels	2	1x6	12"	1" overhang each end
Rims	2	1x2	10"	on edge, front and back

SCRAPS THAT WORK

1x6: 48" total (longest 12") · 1x2: 20" total (longest 10"). Cedar or untreated pine 1x6 ends and a 1x2 strip. Outdoor-rated screws only.

Hardware: 1-5/8" exterior screws, exterior glue, 2 eye screws, chain or rope

PRICE MATH

Low: $(\$10 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$15/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$40.63 \cdot \text{round: } \40

High: $(\$17 \text{ material} + 1.5 \text{ h} \times \$20/\text{h}) \times 1.25 = \$58.75 \cdot \text{round: } \60

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Use cedar or untreated pine (never pressure-treated: it is toxic to birds). Cut all parts.
- 2 On each end wall mark the top center and cut 45° lines down to the sides, 2-3/4" deep: a 90° peak.
- 3 Screw the end walls onto the floor ends from below with 1-5/8" exterior screws.
- 4 Screw the 1x2 rims on edge to the front and back. Drill four 1/4" drain holes in the floor.
- 5 Set the roof panels on the peak, one overlapping the other, 1" overhang at each end; screw into the walls.
- 6 Add 2 eye screws on the ridge, into the end walls, and hang it with chain or rope.

SAFE FINISH

Leave raw, or exterior water-based finish on the outside only. Never finish the feeding tray.

SELLS BEST

Spring and fall are its seasons. Bundle it with a small bag of birdseed for gift baskets.



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WHERE TO SELL

Start close to home, learn what people ask for, then grow. Each channel has its own rules and fees: read them first.

Craft fairs and farmers markets

Meet buyers face to face and take custom orders. Bring price tags, a card reader and a table cover. Small gifts are easy impulse buys.

Etsy and online shops

Reach buyers across the US. Daylight photos, clear sizes and honest shipping times matter most. Check listing and sales fees before pricing.

Facebook Marketplace and local groups

Good for bulky items (shelves, signs) with local pickup. Meet in public places and accept safe payment methods only.

Custom and gift orders

Names, dates and logos for weddings, new homes, teachers, realtors and small businesses. Ask for a deposit and agree on the date in writing.

BEFORE YOU SELL

- ✓ Check your city and state rules for sales tax and permits.
- ✓ Photograph each piece in daylight on a plain background.
- ✓ Put a care card with every kitchen item.
- ✓ Write down material and hours to know your real price.

✗ No sales or income are promised. Results depend on your area, quality, photos and time.



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KITS THAT SELL MORE

Bundles raise the ticket and solve the gift question. Kit price = sum of the single prices minus about 10%, rounded to \$5.

KITCHEN GIFT SET

- ✓ Serving Board with Handle \$40–\$55
- ✓ Coaster Set with Holder \$30–\$40

separately \$70–\$95

KIT \$65–\$85

COOK'S CORNER

- ✓ Wall Spice Rack \$40–\$55
- ✓ Magnetic Knife Bar \$35–\$50
- ✓ Cookbook & Tablet Stand \$35–\$50

separately \$110–\$155

KIT \$100–\$140

ENTRYWAY SET

- ✓ Key Holder with Mail Shelf \$30–\$40
- ✓ Picture Ledge Shelf \$25–\$40

separately \$55–\$80

KIT \$50–\$70

GARDEN LOVER

- ✓ Succulent Planter Box \$25–\$35
- ✓ Platform Bird Feeder \$40–\$60

separately \$65–\$95

KIT \$60–\$85

PACKAGING THAT HELPS

- ✓ Kraft paper, twine and a tag with your name
- ✓ A care card inside every kitchen piece
- ✓ A photo of the piece in use on the tag or listing
- ✓ Gift-ready stock by early fall for the holidays
- ✓ 2 or 3 ready kits at every fair

CARE CARD (copy this)

Hand wash with mild soap and dry standing up.
Never soak it or put it in the dishwasher. When it looks dry, rub in food-safe mineral oil.



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