

# PROJECT PLANS EXPANDABLE CRAFT CENTER

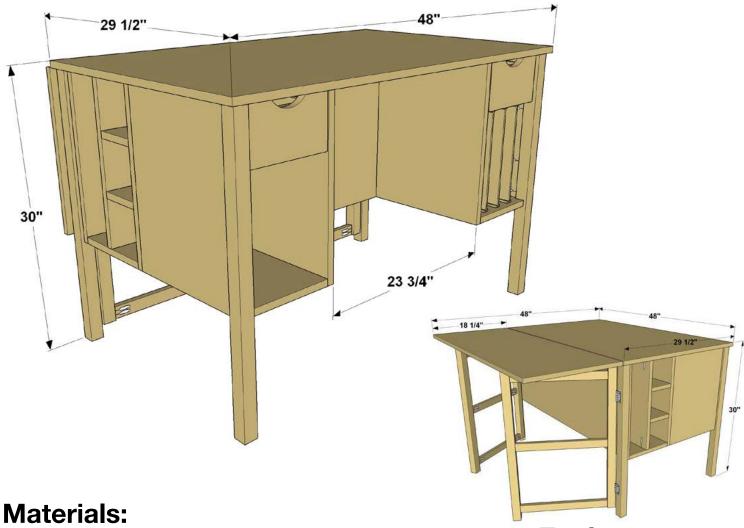
Whether you're working on craft projects, sewing, or pursuing another hobby, this craft center offers a great place to work. It features a large work surface that offers space to spread out—and the top can be expanded when you need even more room. Just swing up the back section and hold it in place on a pair of hinged supports. Plus, the center has storage spaces built in for all kinds of supplies, including large rolls of fabric or paper.

The project has quite a few parts, but they're all easy to make. By following a sequence, you can make and assemble the craft center in sections. Build one for yourself, and you'll be set to get your craft on!



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Qty Description

- (1) 3/4 x 48 x 48" MDF
- (1) 3/4 x 48 x 96" plywood
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- (1) 1/4 x 24 x 48" plywood
- (6) 1/4 x 1/4 x 36" square dowel
- (1) 3/8 x 3 x 36" craft board
- (1) 1x2 x 48" pine board
- (1) 1/2 / 10 pine board
- (1) 1x2 x 72" pine board
- (2) 1/2" x 3 x 48" pine board
- (1) 1x6 x 24" pine board
- (2) 2x2 x 96" pine board
- (1) 2x2 x 72" pine board

- Qty Description
- (140) 1 1/4" coarse-thread pocket hole screws
- (72) 3/4" brad nails
- (28) 1 1/4" brad nails
- (20) 1 1/2" brad nails
  - (4) #8 x 1 1/4" flathead wood screws
  - (2) pairs 14" ball-bearing side-mount drawer glides
  - (2) pair 3" door hinges
  - (2) 1 1/2" x 12" Continuous Hinge wood glue

clamps

wood finish or paint

### **Tools:**

Drill/Driver

Kreg Jig®

Miter Saw

Jigsaw

Circular Saw

**Brad Nailer** 

Tape Measure

Sandpaper and Sander

Square

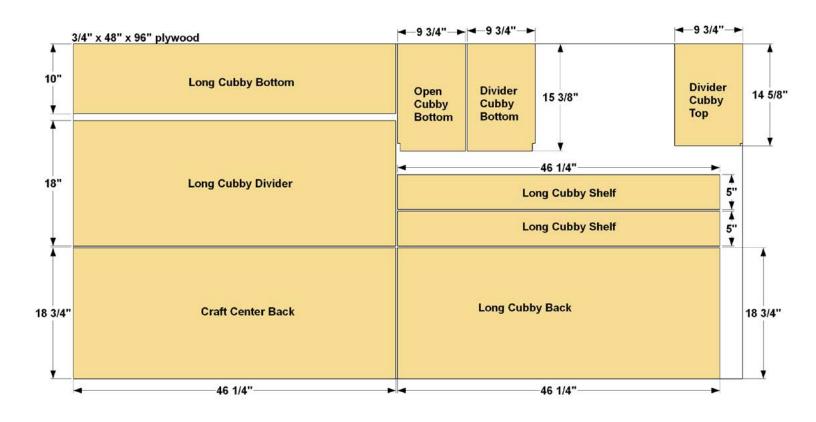
Right-Angle Drill Attachment

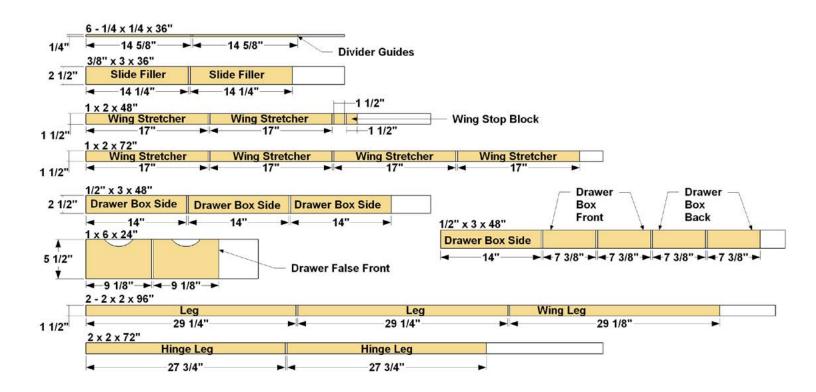
**Optional Tools:** 

Kreg<sup>®</sup> Square-Cut™



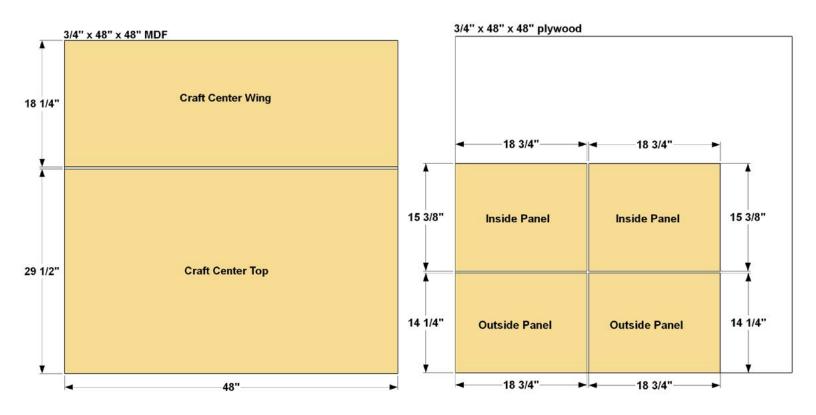
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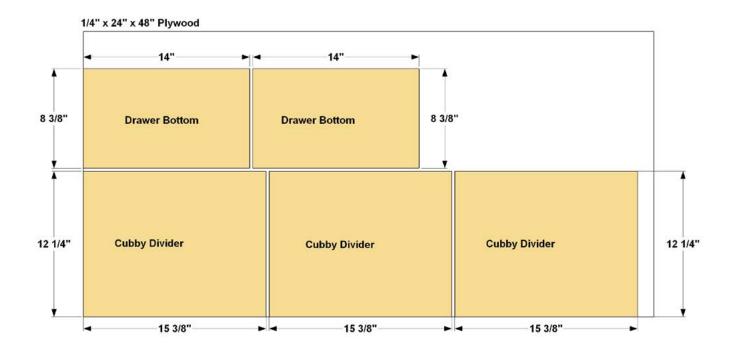






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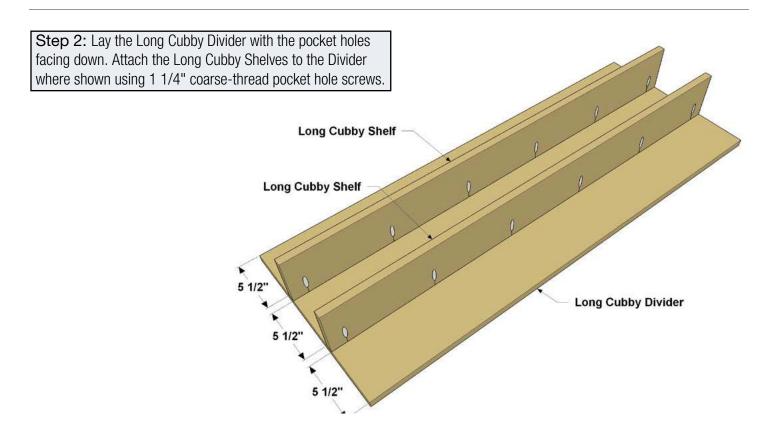






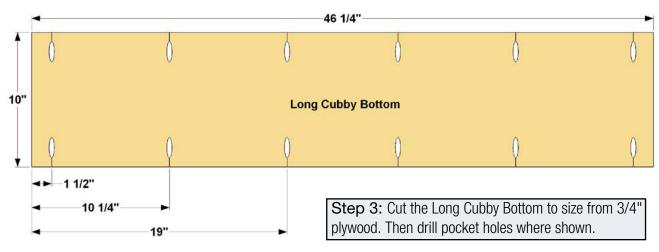
Step 1: The Craft Center has a lot of parts, but it's not hard to manage if you break the project down into smaller assemblies, and then join them together. Before you start cutting up parts, read through these steps completely to familiarize yourself with the processes. The best place to start is with the parts that make up the long-cubby area that spans the back of the craft center. Cut one Long Cubby Divider and two Long Cubby Shelves from 3/4" plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram. Set your pocket-hole jig for 3/4" thick material, and then drill pocket holes in these pieces where shown.



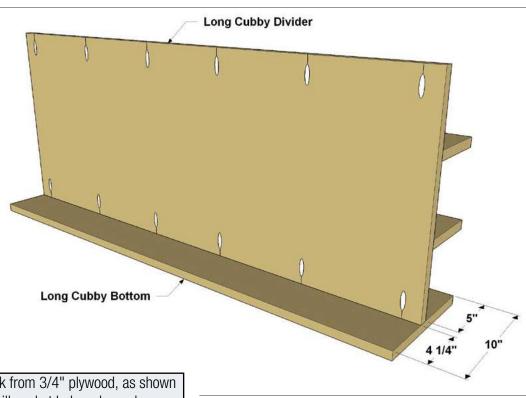




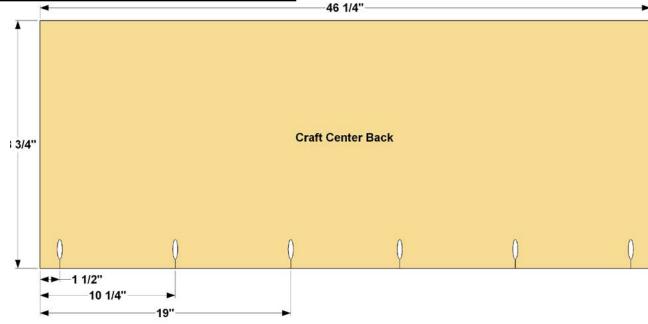
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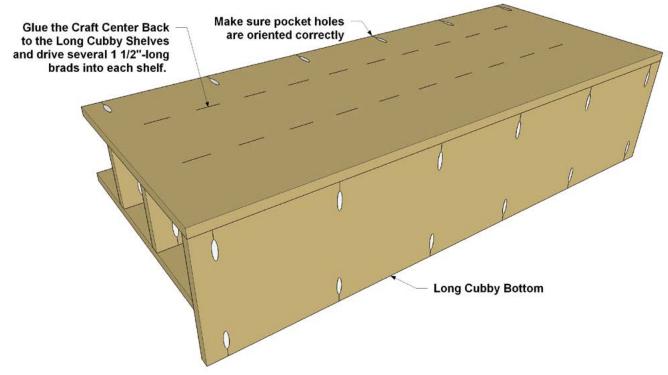


Step 4: Lay the Cubby Bottom with the pocket holes facing down. Now attach the Cubby Shelf Assembly to the Cubby Bottom where shown using 1 1/4" coarsethread pocket hole screws.

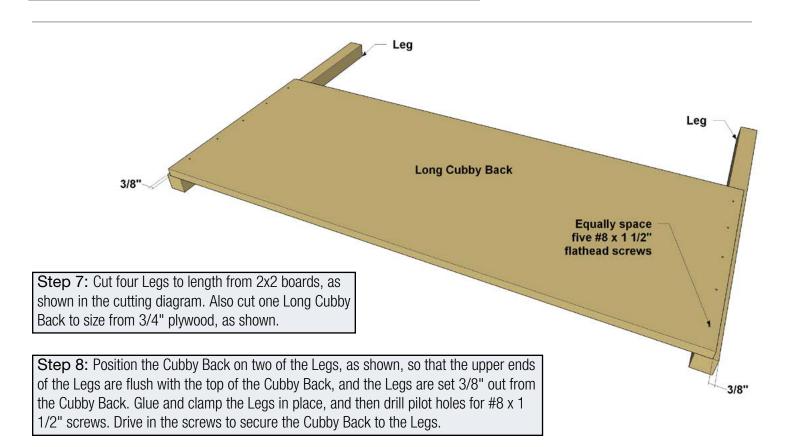


**Step 5**: Cut the Craft Center Back from 3/4" plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram, and then drill pocket holes where shown.





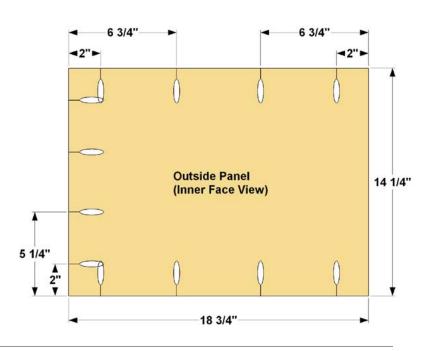
Step 6: Set the long-cubby assembly on your work surface with the Long Cubby Bottom hanging over the surface edge. Spread glue on the exposed edges of the Long Cubby Shelves and the Long Cubby Bottom, and then lay the Craft Center Back on the assembly with its pocket holes facing away from the Cubby Bottom, as shown. Clamp the assembly together, and then secure the Craft Center Back to the Long Cubby Bottom using 1 1/4" coarse-thread pocket hole screws. Secure the Back to each Shelf using 6-10 1 1/2" brads.





Step 9: Cut two Outside Panels from 3/4" plywood. Then drill pocket holes where shown.

**Step 10:** Cut two Drawer Slide Fillers to length from a 3/8"-thick board, as shown in the cutting diagram. Home centers often sell these thin boards as "hobby boards" or "craft boards."



Outside Panel

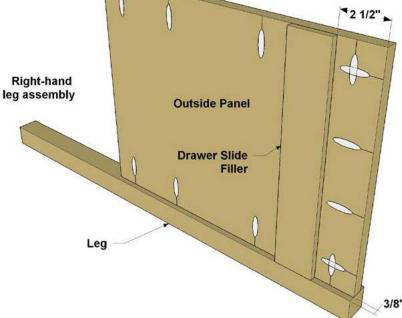
Drawer Slide Filler

Left-hand leg assembly

Leg

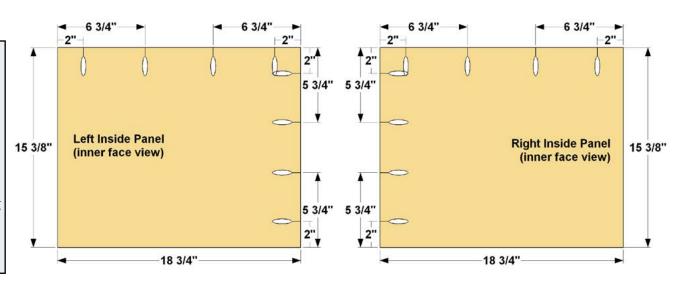
Step 11: Position one Outside Panel on a Leg, as shown, making sure the upper edge of the Outside Panel is flush with the upper end of the Leg, and that the Outside Panel is centered on the width of the Leg. Then attach the Outside Panel to the Leg using 1 1/4" coarse-thread pocket hole screws. After that, attach a Drawer Slide Filler using glue and 3/4" brad nails as shown.

Step 12: Position the other Outside Panel on another Leg, as shown, making sure the upper edge of the Outside Panel is flush with the upper end of the Leg, and that the Outside Panel is centered on the width of the Leg. Then attach the Outside Panel to the Leg using 1 1/4" coarse-thread pocket hole screws. After that, attach a Drawer Slide Filler using glue and 3/4" brad nails as shown.

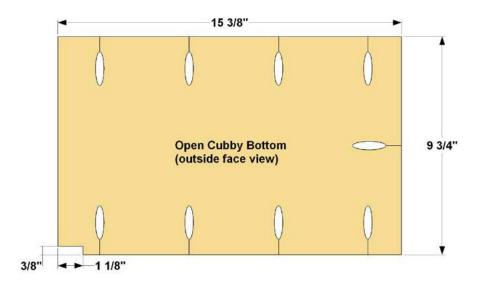


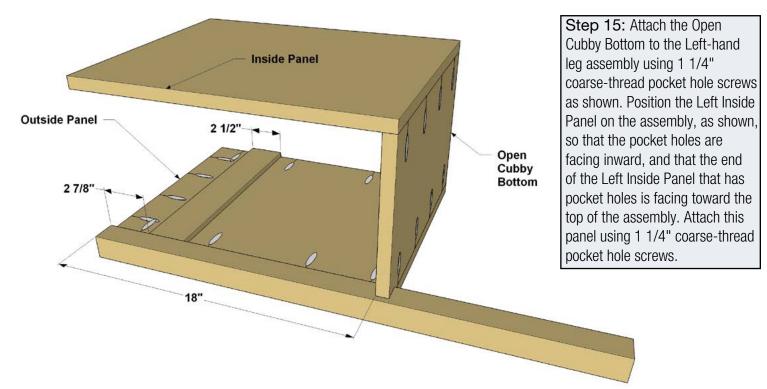


Step 13: Cut one Left Inside Panel and one Right Inside Panel from 3/4" plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram. Next, drill pocket holes in these parts where shown.



Step 14: Cut one Open Cubby Bottom to size from 3/4" plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram. Using a jigsaw, notch out one corner of this panel, as shown. Then drill pocket holes where shown.

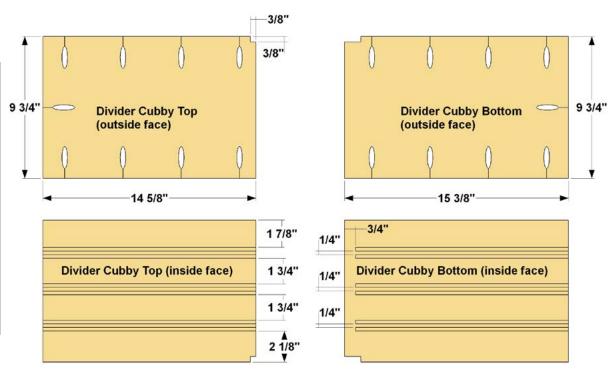




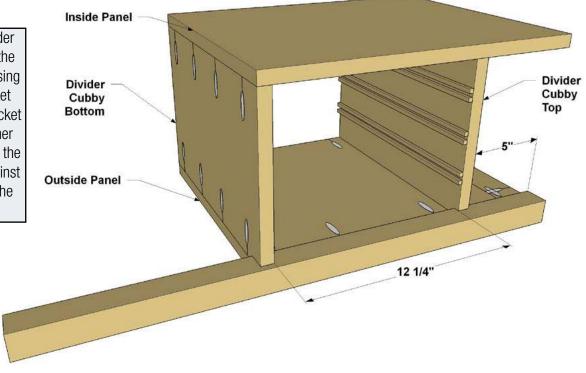


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Step 16: Cut one Divider Cubby Top and one Divider Cubby Bottom to size from 3/4" plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram. Using a jigsaw, notch out one corner on each of these pieces, as shown. Then drill pocket holes where shown. Cut the Divider Guides from 1/4" square dowels. Attach the Divider Guides where shown using glue and 3/4" brad nails.

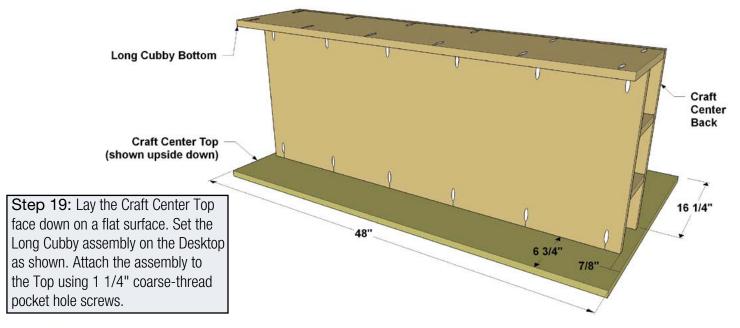


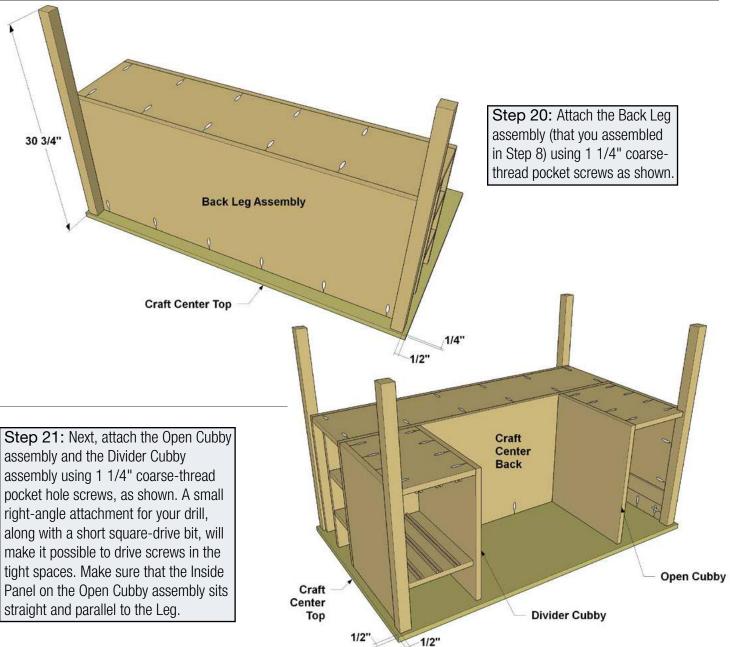
Step 17: Attach the Divider Cubby Top and Bottom to the right-hand leg assembly using 1 1/4" coarse-thread pocket hole screws. Orient the pocket holes as you did on the other cubby assembly. Note that the Divider Cubby Top sits against the Drawer Slide Filler on the Outside Panel.



**Step 18:** Cut one Craft Center Top and one Craft Center Wing to size from 3/4" MDF, as shown in the cutting diagram.





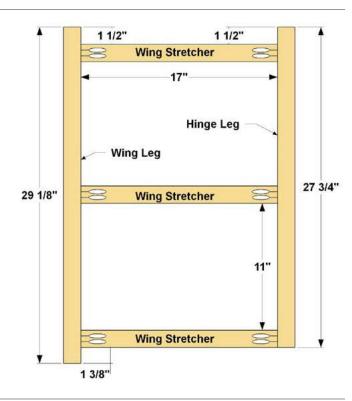


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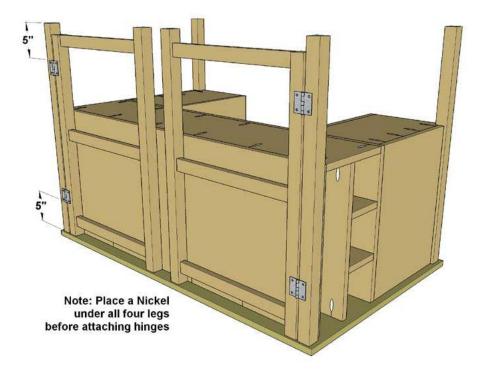


**Step 22:** Cut two Wing Legs and two Hinge Legs to length from 2x2 boards, as shown in the cutting diagram. Then cut six Wing Stretchers from 1x2 boards, as shown in the cutting diagram. Drill pocket holes in the ends of the Wing Stretchers, as shown.

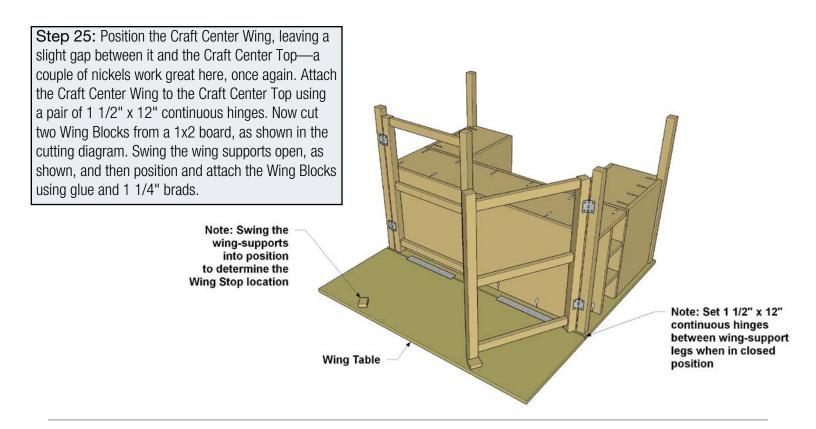
**Step 23:** Position the Wing Stretchers on the Legs as shown, making sure that the stretchers are centered on the width of the Legs. Then attach the Stretchers using 1 1/4" coarse-thread pocket hole screws.



Step 24: Position the wing support assemblies you just made against the Long Cubby Back, and rest the legs on nickels. This creates a slight gap that will allow the supports to swing freely. Using two pairs of 3" hinges, attach the Hinge Legs to the Craft Center Legs, as shown.

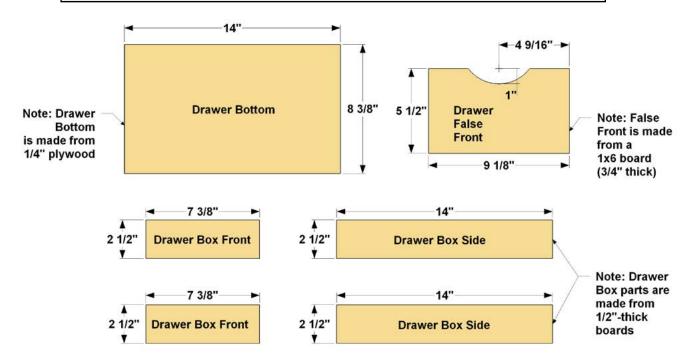




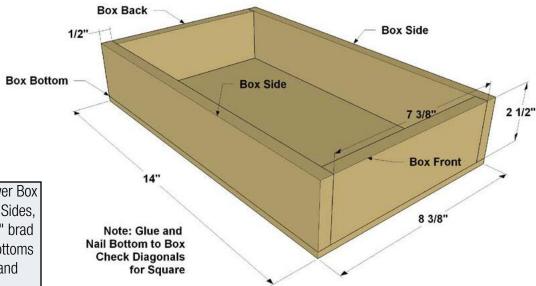


**Step 26:** Cut three Cubby Dividers from 1/4" plywood, as shown. Then test fit the Dividers by sliding them in place between the Divider Guides.

**Step 27:** Cut four Drawer Box Sides, two Drawer Box Fronts and two Drawer Box Backs to length from 1x4 boards, as shown in the cutting diagram. Cut two Drawer Bottoms from 1/4" plywood. Also cut two Drawer False Fronts from a 1x6 board. To cut the drawer handle, simply use something like a quart paint can to draw the shape, and then cut it out with a jigsaw.

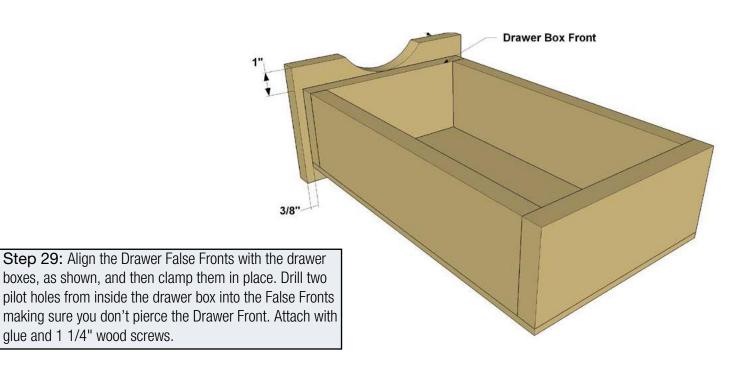


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Step 28: First attach the Drawer Box Front & Back to the Drawer Box Sides. as shown, using glue and 1 1/4" brad nails. Attach the Drawer Box Bottoms to the drawer boxes using glue and 3/4" brad nails.

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Step 30: With everything almost done, you can sand your craft center as needed—especially the exposed edges. Then apply the paint or stain of your choice. We decided to simple apply a clear oil finish, leaving the plywood edges exposed. Once the finish or paint dries, you can install a pair of 14" drawer slides on each drawer following the manufacturer's instructions. After that, you're ready to get your craft on!

