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DIY Nightstand

Supply List

Item	Quantity	Description
2 x 6 x 8	4	framing lumber
3/4" hardwood plywood 48" x 48"	1	birch, maple or oak
1/2" hardwood plywood 24" x 24"	1	birch, maple or oak
wood glue		
14" or 16" drawer slides	1 pair	see website for link
drawer pull	1	see website for link
pocket hole screws		

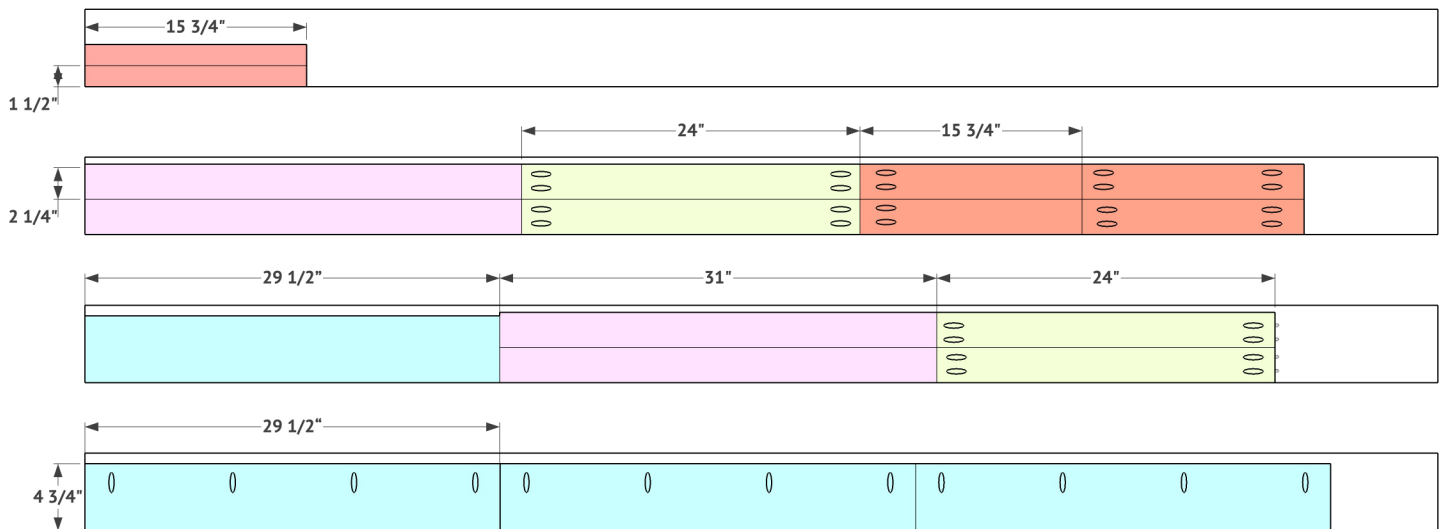
Remember!

Many of these cuts are best made as you go. If you have questions, check out the tutorial on our site!

CUT LIST

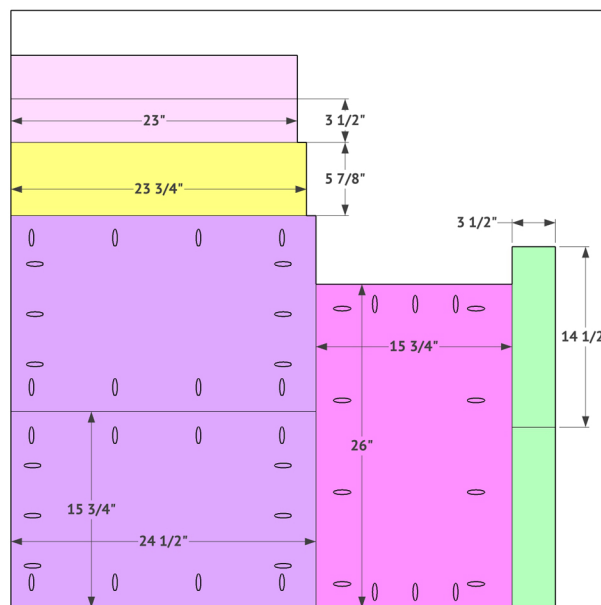
FRAMING LUMBER

I used four 2x6 framing boards for this nightstand. I used my table saw to rip each board to the correct width. This saves money, gives me nice straight boards, and it gives me the ability to customize projects more. If you don't rip boards for your project, be sure to adjust all measurements.

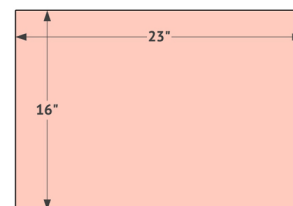


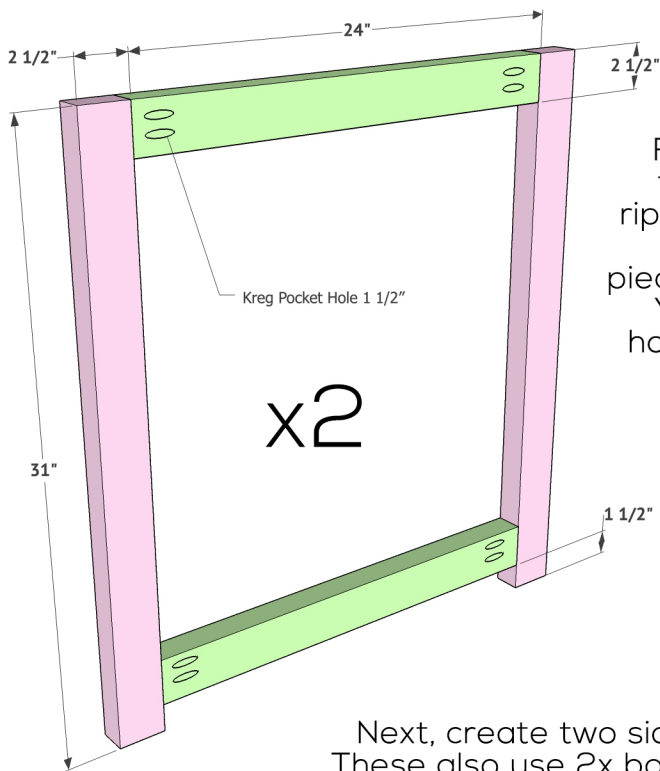
PLYWOOD

$\frac{3}{4}"$ hardwood
plywood
48" x 48"



$\frac{1}{2}"$ hardwood
plywood



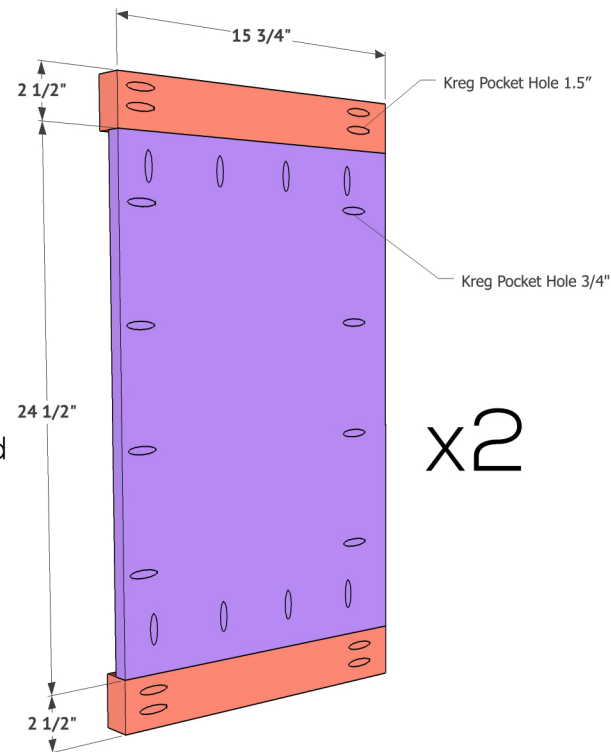


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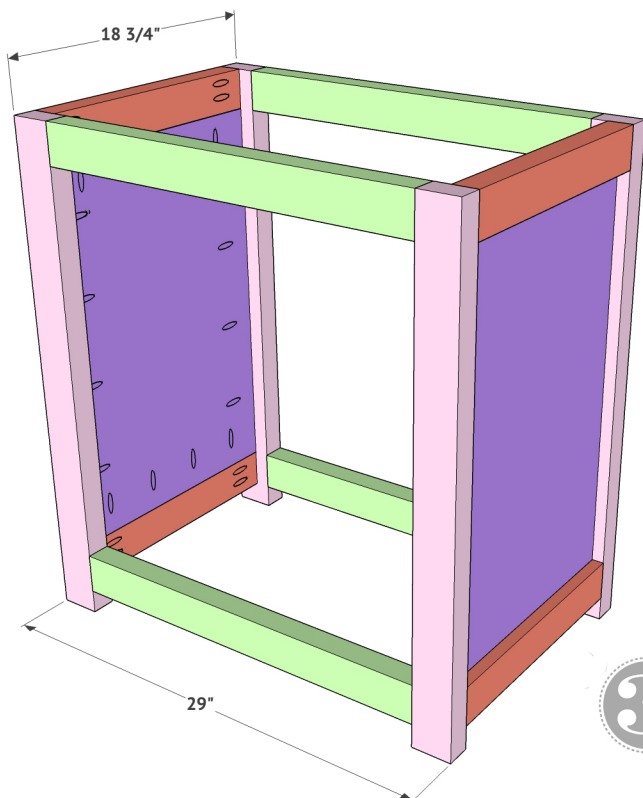
First, build 2 face frames. I ripped the boards for these out of 2x6 boards, but you can also rip down 2x4. These are ripped to 2.5" wide each. Attach the horizontal frame pieces to the leg pieces using wood glue and 2.5" pocket hole screws. You want the tops to be flush and the bottom horizontal board will be placed 1.5" from the base of the legs.

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Next, create two side frames. These also use 2x boards ripped to 2.5". They also use 3/4" hardwood plywood cut to 24.5" x 15.75". Add 1.5" pocket hole screws to each end of the 2x boards. Add 3/4" pocket holes down each side of the plywood. Attach the top and bottom 2x boards using wood glue and 2" pocket hole screws. You want the back of the plywood to be flush with the back of the 2x boards.

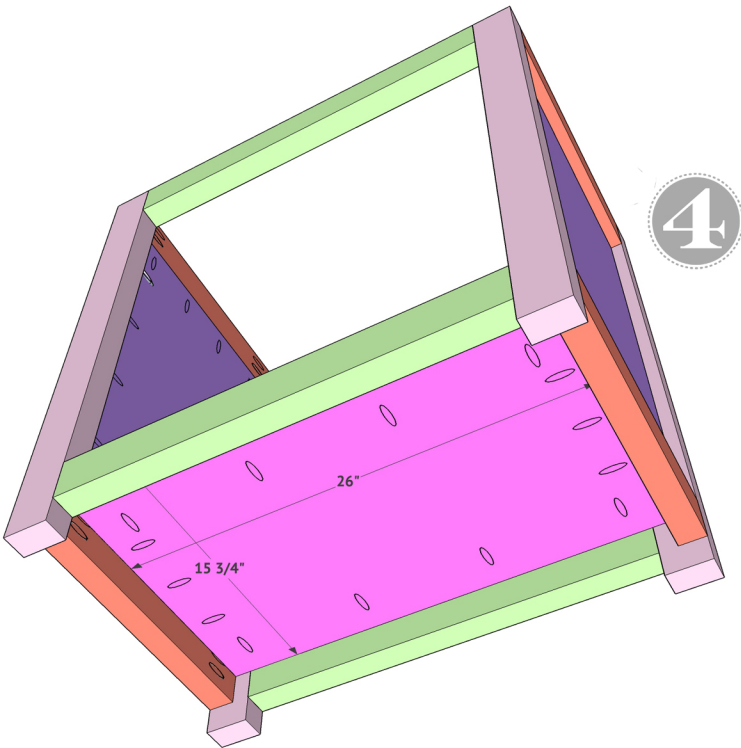


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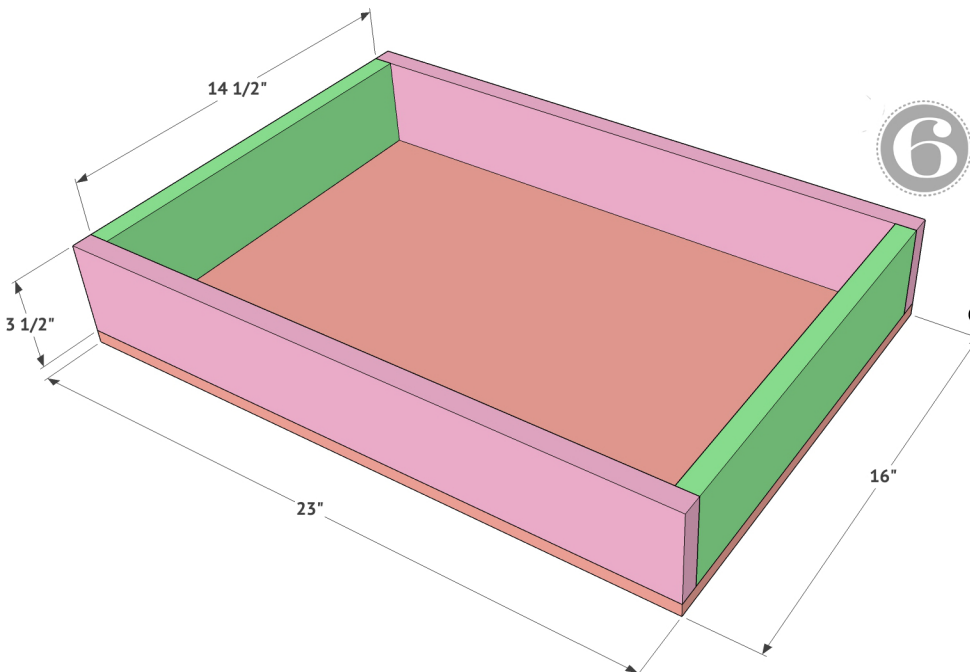
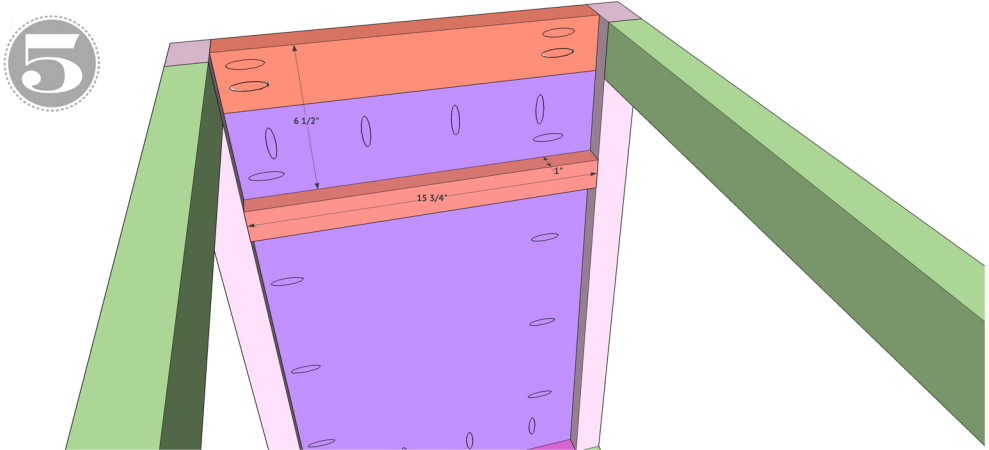
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Now attach both side frames to the front and back face frames. Use wood glue between all joints. Use 2" pocket hole screws through all of the plywood, and use 2.5" pocket hole screws through the 2x boards. Make sure the tops and bottoms of all frame pieces are flush. You also want the sides to line up flush.



Now attach the bottom plywood panel. You can also do this step just before attaching the 4th side in the previous step. Attach the panel using wood glue and 1.25" pocket hole screws through the panel and into the frames. Make sure the top of the plywood is flush with the tops of the 2x boards on the face frames.

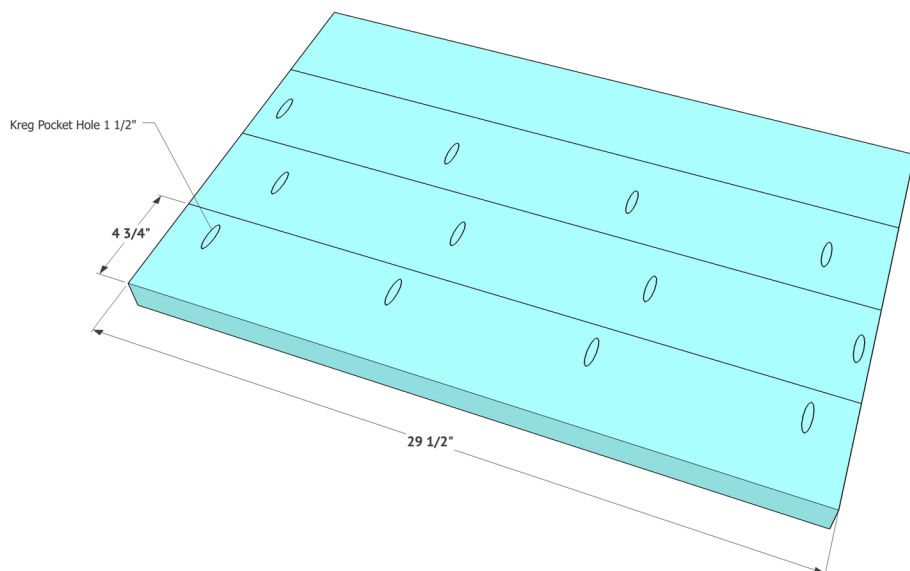
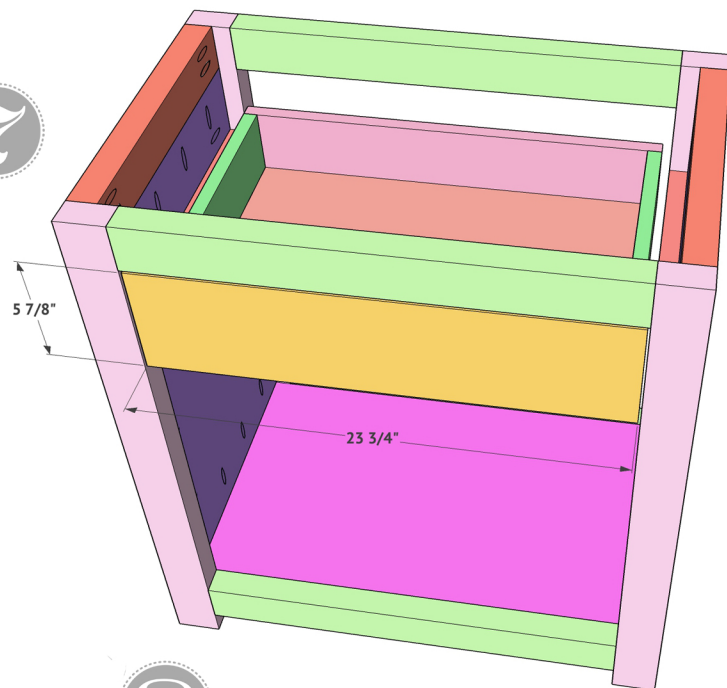
Add cleats for the drawer slides next. I wanted the widest drawer possible, so I ripped some of my 2x boards down to 1". You can also use 2x4 cut to 15 3/4", but you will want to adjust the drawer measurements to fit the smaller space. Attach the cleats using wood glue and wood screws through the cleat and into the plywood. The top of each cleat should be 6.5" from the top of the nightstand.



Time to build the drawers! I used 1x4 for this, but you can also rip plywood down for the drawer sides. Attach the corners using wood glue and 1.25" brad nails. The base of the drawers is 1/2" plywood. Attach the base to the drawer sides using wood glue and 1.25" brad nails through the base and into each side.

Attach the drawer slides next and install the drawers. Push the drawer back into place to line up the drawer face in the right position. The drawer face is hardwood plywood cut to size. Attach it using wood glue and 1.25" brad nails or wood screws through the inside of the drawer and into the drawer face.

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The top of the nightstand is 2x6 boards I ripped to 4.75" each. Add 1.5" pocket holes through 3 of the 4 boards. Attach each board together using 2.5" pocket hole screws.

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Attach the top of the top of the nightstand using wood glue and 2" nails through the top and into the nightstand base.

Be sure to check out our post and video on how I finished this piece. Make sure to share your builds with us on social media! Happy Building!

