

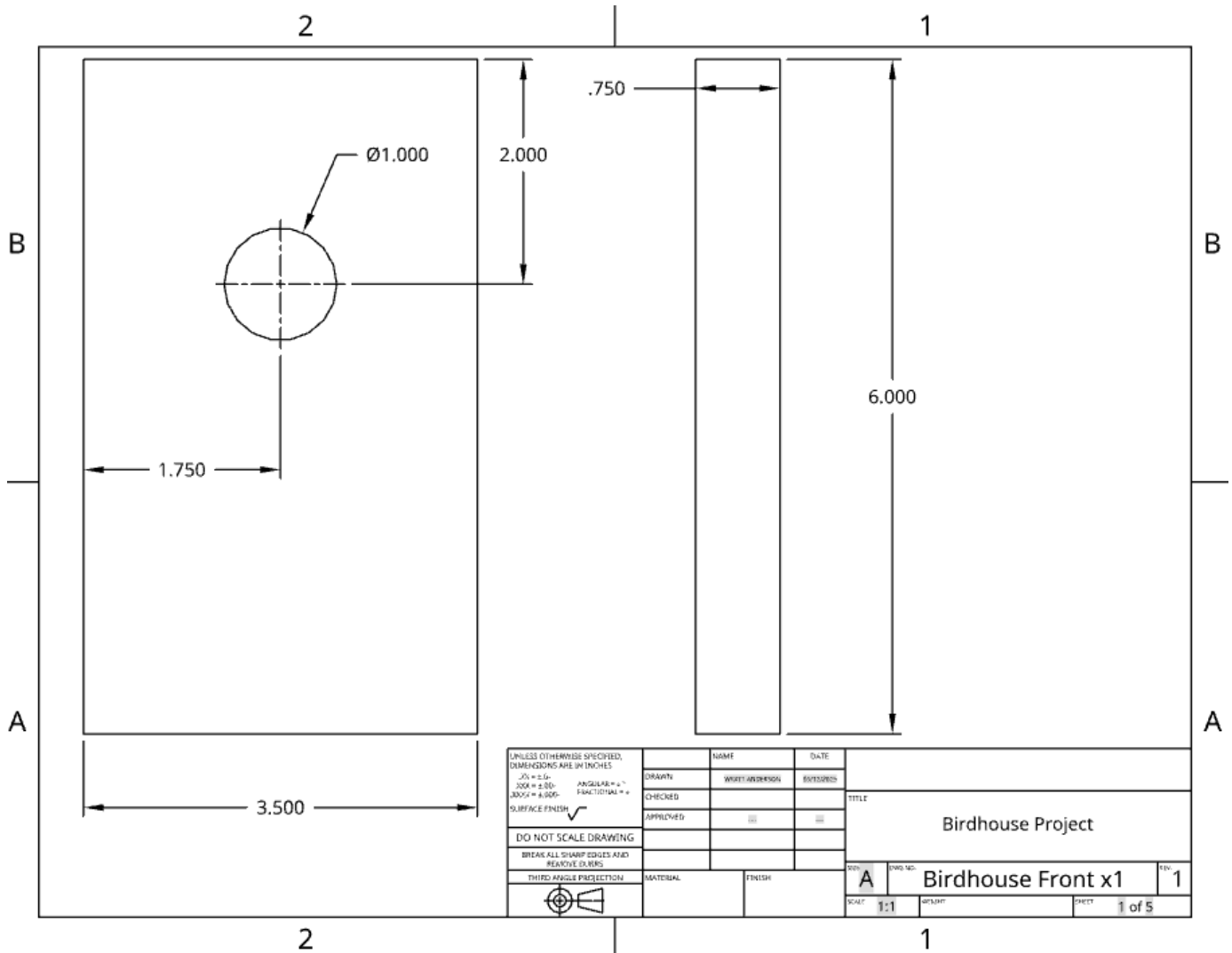
DIY Bird Box

Project Instructions

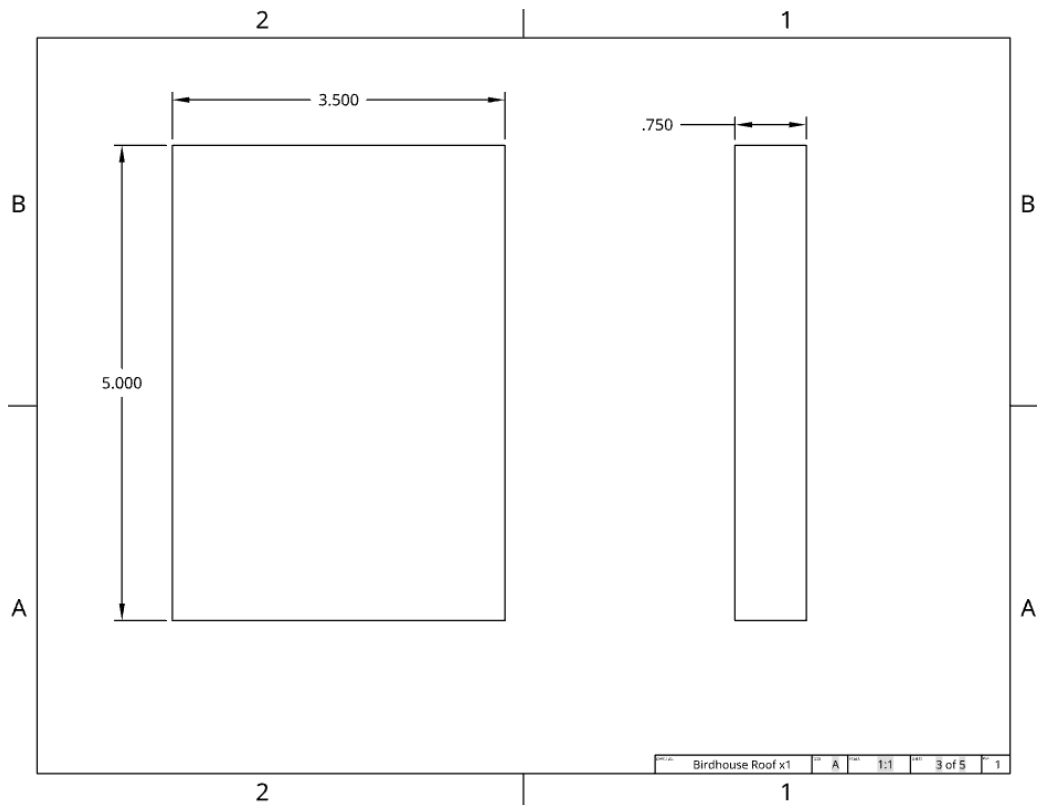
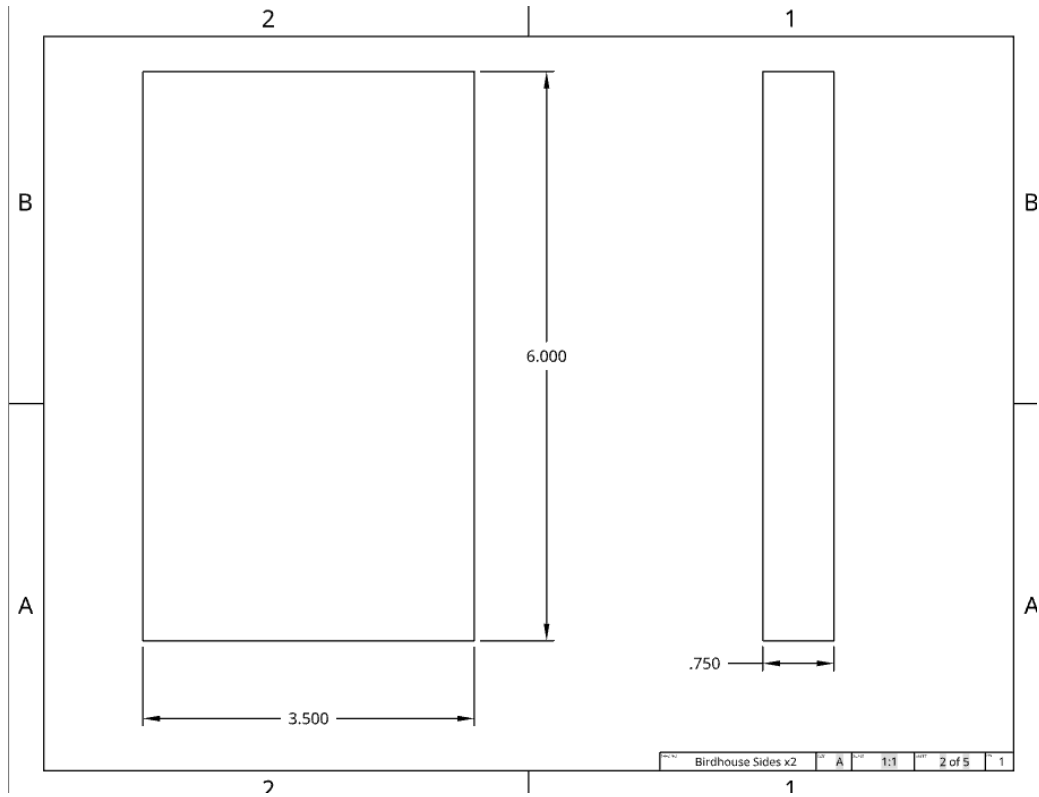


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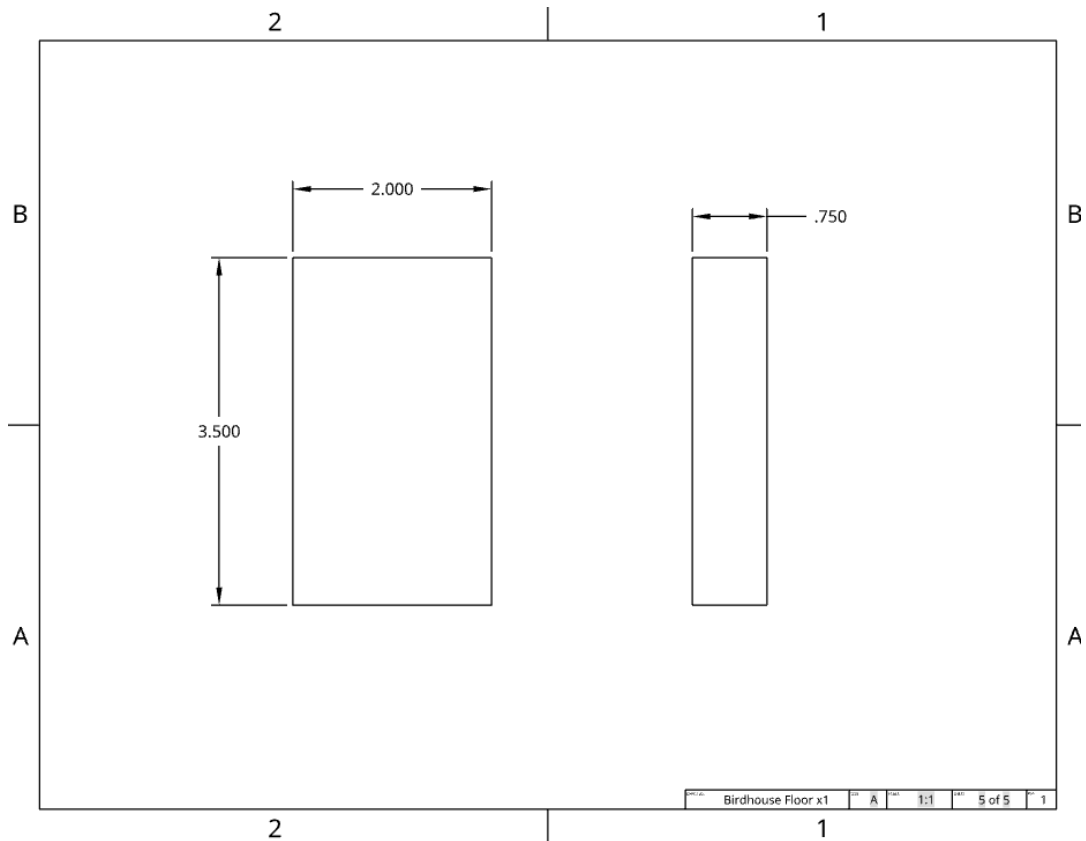
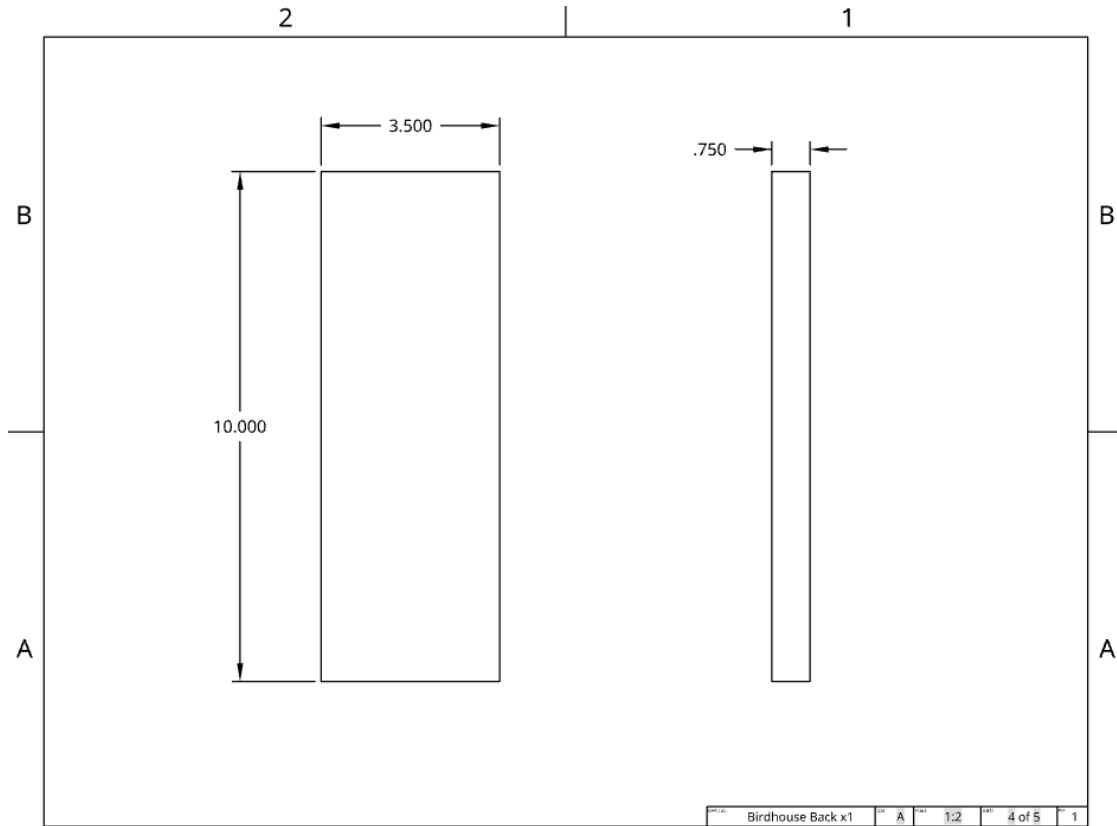
Front Panel



Side & Top Panels



Back & Bottom Panels



Step 1

- Check board lengths:
 - 1 board 3/4" x 3.5" x 40"
- Check other materials:
 - 13 nails
 - 1 hammer
 - 1 1-inch drill bit
 - Drill
 - Tape measure or ruler
 - Square



Step 2

- From the end of your board, measure and mark 6 inches.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.



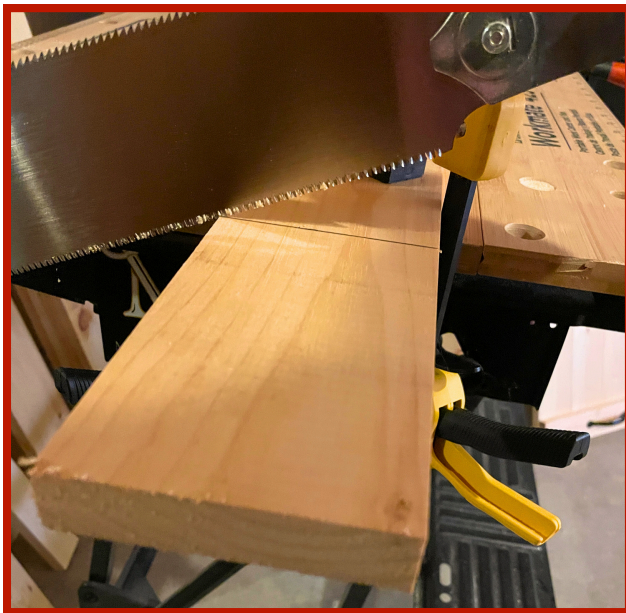
Step 3

- Clamp the board to the table with the line beyond the table and clamps.
 - Use no less than 2 clamps.



Step 4

- Line up your saw with the line on the corner of the board.
 - Push the saw against the corner of the board to make a notch.



Step 5

- Rest the saw level on the board in that notch.
 - Cut through the board.
 - When cut, you should have a 6-inch by 3.5-inch board.



Step 6

- Repeat steps 2-5, two more times.
 - After this step, you should have three boards that are 6-inches long.



Step 7

- From the end of your board, measure and mark 5 inches.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.



Step 8

- Clamp the board to the table with the line beyond the table and clamps.
 - Use no less than 2 clamps.



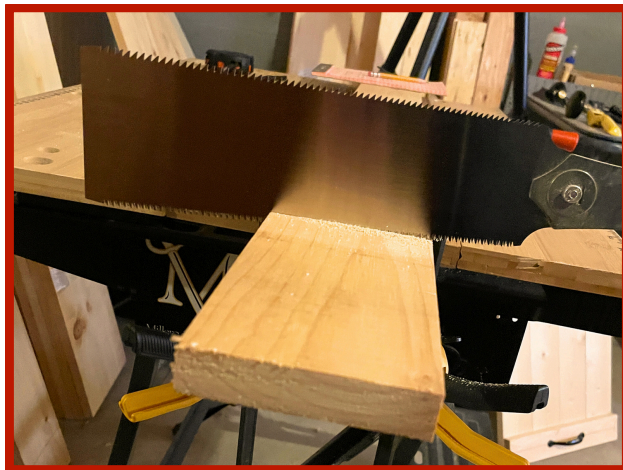
Step 9

- Line up your saw with the line on the corner of the board.
 - Push the saw against the corner of the board to make a notch.



Step 10

- Rest the saw level on the board in that notch.
 - Cut through the board.
 - When cut, you should have a 5-inch by 3.5-inch board.



Step 11

- From the end of your board, measure and mark 10 inches.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.



Step 12

- Clamp the board to the table with the line beyond the table and clamps.
 - Use no less than 2 clamps.



Step 13

- Line up your saw with the line on the corner of the board.
 - Push the saw against the corner of the board to make a notch.



Step 14

- Rest the saw level on the board in that notch.
 - Cut through the board.
 - When cut, you should have a 10-inch by 3.5-inch board.



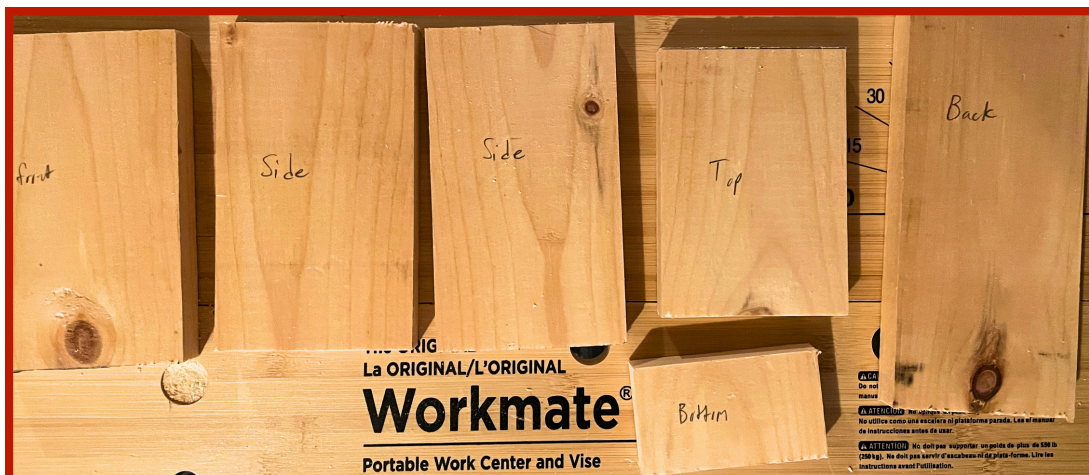
Step 15

- From the end of your board, measure and mark 2 inches.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.
- Clamp the board to the table using no less than two clamps.
- Notch the edge of the board with the saw.
- Rest the saw level on the board in that notch and cut through the board
 - When cut, you should have a 2-inch by 3.5-inch board.



Step 16

- Label one of your 6-inch long pieces “Front”.
- Label the other two 6-inch long pieces “Side”.
- Label your 5-inch piece “Top”.
- Label your 10-inch piece “Back”.
- Label your 2-inch piece “Bottom”.



Step 17

- On the front piece, measure and mark $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the edge.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.



Step 18

- From the end of the front piece, measure and make a mark at 2 inches along your line.
 - Clamp the board to the table with your mark at least 1 inch from the edge of the table.
 - Use 2 clamps!



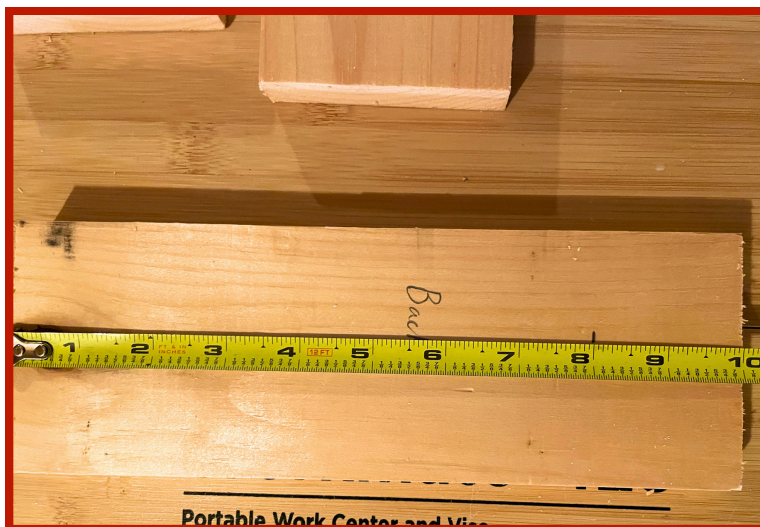
Step 19

- Place your 1" drill bit on the mark.
 - Drill through the board.
 - You will have a 1" hole in the front of your bird box.



Step 20

- From the end of your back piece, measure and mark 8 inches.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.



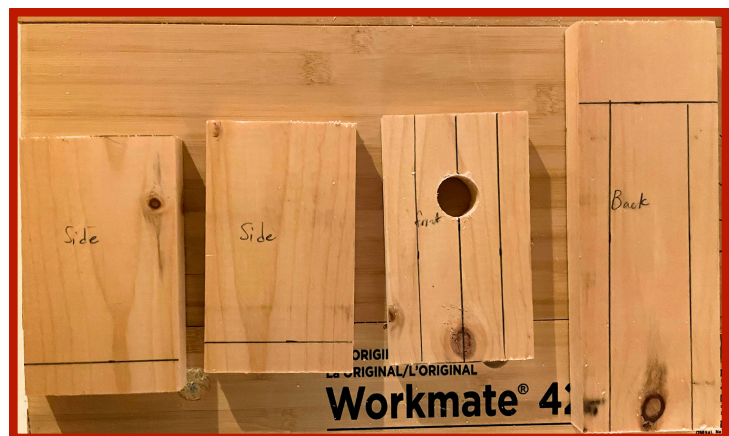
Step 21

- From both edges of the back piece, measure and mark $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.
- From both edges of the front piece, measure and mark $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.



Step 22

- From the end of each side piece, measure and mark $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.
- Use the combination square to extend all marks made in steps 22-23.
 - Extend the marks on the back and front the length of the board.
 - Extend the marks on the side pieces across the board.



Step 23

- On the other side of the back piece:
 - From the end of your back piece, measure and mark 8 inches.
 - Use the combination square to extend that mark across the board.



Step 24

- Clamp a side piece to the back of the birdbox.
 - Make sure the piece is flush with the edge of the back piece and lined up with your mark.
 - To check if the board is flush with the edge: When you feel where the two boards meet with a finger, it should feel flat.



Step 25

- Drive 2 nails into the back piece to secure the side piece.
 - The nails need to be between your 8-inch line and the bottom end of the side piece. You can see this in the picture on the left.
 - Try to drive the nails halfway between your $\frac{3}{4}$ inch line and the edge of the back board. This is shown in the picture on the right.



Step 26

- Repeat steps 25 and 26 for the other side piece.



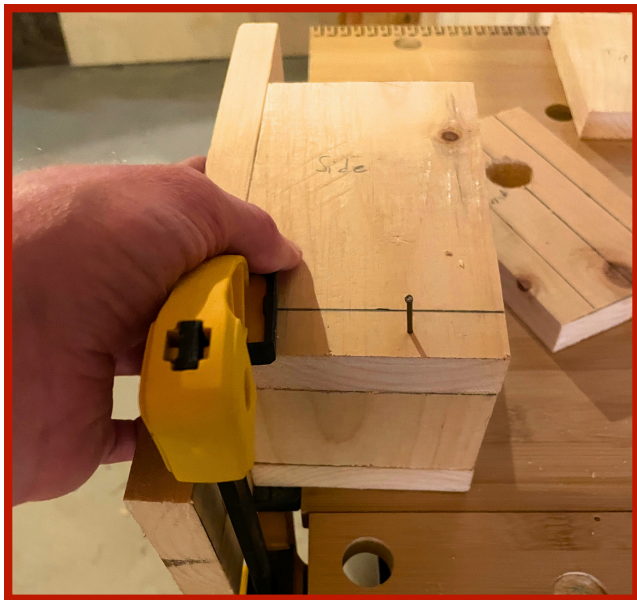
Step 27

- Place the bottom piece.
 - Clamp the bottom piece in place, make sure it is flush with the bottom ends of the side pieces.



Step 28

- Drive one nail into each side to hold the bottom piece in place.
 - Remove the clamp and add a second nail to each side.



Step 29

- Clamp the front piece onto the birdbox. Make sure it is lined up with the sides and bottom.
 - If pieces were cut correctly, you should be able to place the front piece so that the sides and bottom line up closely with the bottom and sides already attached to the birdbox
 - Drive 4 nails to secure the front



Step 30

- On the top piece, measure and mark 1 ¼ inch from the end.
 - Center this mark as best you can.
- Line the top piece up with the sides pushed against the back.
 - Drive a nail in at your mark.



Step 31

- Congratulations you have completed your birdbox!



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