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# Hammock Frame Plan No. 868

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A good book, a tall glass of iced tea and the gentle swaying motion of a shady hammock on the patio, next to the pool or in the yard-sounds like paradise, doesn't it? With a few basic tools and some inexpensive materials, any do-it-yourselfer with a free weekend can create a place to relax and catch a few winks.

This easy-to-build hammock frame project calls primarily for straight cuts and requires only basic construction techniques.

Made entirely of straight-grain Douglas fir, the frame is not only sturdy, comfortable and safe, but it's attractive enough to blend nicely with any landscaping.

Designed to fit a standard-size hammock sling, the completed project measures 16 feet long by 4 feet wide.

Bill of Material						
Quantity	Size	Material	Item			
5	2" x 6" x 12'	Straight Grain Douglas Fir	A, B, C, D			
1	2" x 8" x 8'	Straight Grain Douglas Fir	Е			
2	2" x 4" x 8'	Straight Grain Douglas Fir	F			
2	1/2" x 8"	Eye Bolts				
14	1/2" x 4 1/2"	Carriage Bolts				
8	1/2" x 3"	Carriage Bolts				
20	1/4" x 3 1/2"	Lag Bolts				
26	1/2"	Flat Washers				
20	1/4"	Flat Washers				
26	1/2"	Nuts				
1 gallon		Waterproof Finish				

#### **Cutting Schedule**

Part	Qty	Т	W	L	Material
А	2	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	144"	Straight Grain Douglas Fir
В	2	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	59 1/2"	Straight Grain Douglas Fir
С	2	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	83"	Straight Grain Douglas Fir
D	4	1 1/2"	5 1/2"	23 1/2"	Straight Grain Douglas Fir
Е	2	1 1/2"	7 1/4"	48"	Straight Grain Douglas Fir
F	4	1 1/2"	3 1/2"	41 1/16"	Straight Grain Douglas Fir

#### NOTES

- 1. Read all instructions and check materials before beginning work.
- 2. Read manufacturer's instructions before operating equipment.
- Cut all wood to exact size. Follow the cutting schedule.
- 4. *Always* wear safety glasses.
- 5. Use only *straight grain lumber* for your hammock frame project. Do not use any boards that have checks, splits, knots or defects.
- 6. When drilling the 1/2" holes in board B to hold the eye hook, great care should be taken to ensure that the hole is parallel to the face.



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- 1. Cut all boards to the proper size. Refer to the cutting schedule and Figures 1 through 7.
- 2. Use a jigsaw to cut angles and radii on all boards. Check the isometric for the location of all the joints and route all exposed edges with a 3/8" radius bit.
- 3. Drill a 1 1/8" hole 1/4" deep on the top edge of board B. Drill a 1/2" hole through the rest of board B. See Figures 1 and 2. Note: The 1/2" hole must be parallel to the face of the board to ensure proper strength.







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4. Locate and drill 1/2" holes in boards as shown in Figures. Countersink eight 1 1/8" by 1/2" deep holes on one side of one of the A boards. Countersink two of the D boards and all of the F boards for washers and nuts. Refer to Figures 3, 4 and 5.



1/4 TYP.

3/8

1/2 TYP.

1 1/8 COUNTERSINK TYP.



2 3/8

60<sup>0</sup>

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- 5. Use a scrap piece of plywood cut at a 60 degree angle to align board B to board A. Use four 1/2" by 4 1/2" carriage bolts to attach boards A to B and C. Refer to Figures and isometric.
- 6. Use 2 1/2" drywall screws to temporarily hold board D to B and C.
- 7. Bolt board D to B and C. Use 4 1/2" carriage bolts.
- 8. Insert the 1/2" by 8" eye bolts and washers into board B. Use a washer and two 1/2" nuts as jam nuts to secure eye bolt.
- 9. Tighten bolts on board A.
- 10. Drill six 1/4" holes in board E. Attach E to A using six 1/4" by 3 1/2" lag bolts and washers. Refer to Figure 6.



11. Insert two 3" carriage bolts through board E into F. Use one washer and nut for each bolt. Drill two 1/4" holes in the top of board F. Use two 1/4" by 3 1/2" lag bolts and washers to attach board F to D. Refer to Figure 4.

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Figure 7 BOARD C