

# Woodworking Bench Plan No. 866 

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Any experienced woodworker can attest to the fact that a good workbench is one of the keys to success for any project. More than a simple work surface, a well-made woodworking bench incorporates precise angles and a level top that serve as gauges for other projects.
This do-it-yourself version features a heavy laminated top, a convenient storage bin underneath and a design that allows for a precision woodworking vise and bench stop.

The completed bench measures about 36 inches tall by 26 inches wide by 60 inches long, and is designed to fit a vise with a 4 - by 7 -inch jaw.

## Bill of Material

| Quantity | Size | Material | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $11 / 2 " \times 51 / 2 " \times 6$, | Douglas Fir | A, K |
| 2 | $11 / 2 " \times 51 / 2 " \times 10^{\prime}$ | Douglas Fir | A |
| 7 | $11 / 2 " \times 31 / 2 " \times 8$, | Douglas Fir | B, C, D, E, |
|  |  |  | F, G, H, I |
| 1 | $1 / 2 " \times 24 " \times 6$, | Plywood |  |
| 16 | $3 / 8 " \times 2 "$ | Dowel Pins |  |
| 22 | $\# 10 \times 11 / 2 "$ | Flat head Phillips Wood Screws |  |
| 73 | $\# 10 \times 11 / 2 "$ | Flat head Phillips Wood Screws |  |
| 8 | $5 / 16 " \times 31 / 2 "$ | Carriage Bolts, Washers, Nuts |  |
| 1 | small bottle | Wood Glue |  |
| 1 | quart | Finish |  |


| Cutting Schedule |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part | Qty | T | W | L | Material |
| A | 5 | $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $51 / 4 "$ | $60^{\prime \prime}$ | Douglas Fir |
| B | 2 | $11 / 2$ " | $31 / 2$ " | 26 1/4" | Douglas Fir |
| C | 2 | $11 / 2$ " | $31 / 2$ " | $53 "$ | Douglas Fir |
| D | 1 | $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $31 / 2$ " | 19 1/4" | Douglas Fir |
| E | 4 | $11 / 2$ " | $31 / 2$ " | $341 / 2$ " | Douglas Fir |
| F | 2 | $11 / 2$ " | $31 / 2$ " | 26 1/4" | Douglas Fir |
| G | 2 | 11/2" | $31 / 2$ " | 24 " | Douglas Fir |
| H | 3 | 11/2" | $31 / 2$ " | 19 1/4" | Douglas Fir |
| I | 2 | 11/2" | $31 / 2$ " | $53 "$ | Douglas Fir |
| J | 1 | 1/2" | 22 1/4" | 50 " | Plywood |
| K | 1 | $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $10^{\prime \prime}$ | Douglas Fir |

## NOTES

1. Select quality dry lumber to build your workbench. Lumber that has a high moisture content will have a tendency to shrink and warp.
2. Board K is used to mount your bench vise. I chose to mount the vise on the right front corner of the bench. You may choose a different location that may be more convenient or comfortable for yourself.
3. I chose a fast-drying polyurethane clear satin finish. Give your project at least two coats. For a higher quality finished project, apply finish before final assembly.
4. Take care in the clamping process for the table top. Lumber must be square and flat to ensure a quality working surface when your project is finished.
5. Read manufacturer's instructions before operating equipment.
6. Always wear safety glasses.


Isometric
(Boards D and K not shown)


Figure 1


Figure 2


Figure 3
(Bottom View of Table)

## Assembly Instructions

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Read all instructions before beginning any work. Cut all material to sizes shown in cutting schedule.

1. Resaw 2 x 6 lumber to eliminate the radius on the edges. Using at least four equally spaced dowel pins between each board, glue and clamp lumber to form benchtop (see Figure 3). Check for flatness.
2. Attach boards B, C and D to underside of bench top with $\# 10 \times 21 / 2$ " wood screws (see Figure 4). Notch one of the C boards for bench vise at this time (optional).
3. Assemble legs from boards E and F with $5 / 16 " \times 2 "$ carriage bolts (see Figures 5 and 6 ). Attach leg assemblies to boards B using \#10 x 2 1/2" wood screws.

4. Bolt boards H to boards E (see Figure 2). Check assemblies for squareness.
5. Drill and attach diagonal braces $G$ to boards $C$ and $E$ with $\# 10 \times 21 / 2 "$ wood screws (see Figure 7). Squareness is a must.


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6. Use $\# 10 \times 21 / 2$ " wood screws to attach I to H and J to H and I (see Figures 8,9 and 10).



Figure 9
(Board I)


Figure 10
7. Attach vise mounting board (see Figure 11) in notched area using four $\# 10 \times 2$ $1 / 2$ " wood screws. Attach vise and turn right side up.


Figure 11

