# Project 16912EZ: Tapering Corner Whatnot Shelf

While the tapering structure of this pine corner shelf poses a challenge, you'll have no problem putting the piece together once you understand its angular construction.



### **Corner Shelf Materials List**

Part	Description	Size	Number Required
А	Side (upper)	3/4" x 2" x 22"	2
В	Back	1/4" x 8" x 26-5/8"	2
С	Back Support	3/4" x 2-1/2" x 26-5/8"	1
D	Тор	see Table 1	1
Е	Top Shelf	see Table 1	1
F	Middle Shelf	see Table 1	1
G	Lower Shelf	see Table 1	1
Н	Bottom	see Table 1	1
I	Side (lower)	3/4" x 2" x 4"	2
J	Front	3/4" x 2-1/4" x 4"	2
K	Valance	3/8" x 3" x 7-1/2"	1
L	Molding	1/4" x 1/4" round	12 in.
Μ	Drawer Side	1/4" x 4" x 4-1/2"	2
Ν	Drawer Back	1/4" x 4" x 5-3/4"	1
0	Drawer Bottom	1/4" x 4-1/4" x 5-3/4"	1
Р	Drawer Front	3/4" x 4" x 6"	1
Q	Drawer Guide	1/8" x 3/4" x 4-1/4"	3
R	Knob	see Figure 11	1

#### **Corner Shelf Complete Schematic** 1" 3/4" 5-1/2 3/8" А TOP VIEW 3/8' 1/4' 1/8" 9" 2-1/4" 8" 1/8" 7-7/8" 1/4" 3/8" 1/4" 1/4"X 3/8" RABBET 22.5 22.5 3/4" 3/4" 45 10 ٨ 2-1/4" e 10-5/8"

SECTION AA BOTTOM







Figure 1: Side Pieces (A) Detailed Layout

### **Corner Shelf Instructions**

## Step 1: Cut the Two Sides (A) and Two Back Pieces (B)

- 1. Cut the two side pine pieces (A) according to the specified dimensions.
- 2. Use the dado-head to cut the shelf grooves and ends at a 6-degree angle on both side pieces (A) (see **Figure 1**).
- Choose the wood from which you would like to cut the back pieces (B): scrap wall paneling or 1/4" plywood are two possibilities.
- 4. Measure the actual thickness of the wood for the back pieces (B).
- 5. Make a rabbet the thickness of the back pieces x 3/8" along the back edges of the side pieces (A) (see Figure 2) to accept the back pieces (B).
- 6. Cut the two back pieces according to the specified dimensions.



Figure 2: Side Pieces (A) Rabbet

#### Step 2: Cut the Back Support (C)

- 1. Cut the back support (C) according to the specified dimensions.
- 2. Mark the back support (C) according to the dado layout in Figure 3.
- 3. Use the dado-head to cut the dadoes.
- 4. Reset the dado-head to equal the thickness of the back pieces (B).
- 5. Incline the blade to 45 degrees.
- 6. Make the 1/2" cut to accept the back pieces (B) (see **Figure 4**).
- 7. Set the blade at 45 degrees again.
- 8. Rip the waste away from the back support (C) (see Figure 5).
- 9. Rip the waste away.





Figure 4: Making the 1/2" Cut in the Back Support (C) to Accept the Back Pieces (B)





Figure 3: Back Support (C) Dado Layout

#### **Step 3: Cut the Shelves**

- Cut the top piece (D), top shelf (E), middle shelf (F), lower shelf (G) and bottom piece (H) to the shape shown in Figure 6 using the dimensions listed in Table 1. NOTE: The bottom piece (H) has the same front and side profile as the bottom shelf, BUT extends under the back support (C).
- 2. Notch the lower shelf (G) to fit around the back pieces (B).



Figure 6: Shape of Top Piece (D), Shelves (E, F, G, and Bottom Piece (H)

Table 1	. To	p Piece	(D)	, Shelves (	(E, F	F, G,)	and Bottom	Piece	Dimensions
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	Α	В	С	D	
Top (D)	8-1/2"	2-1/2"	7-3/4"	1"	
Top Shelf (E)	7-5/16"	2"	6-3/8"	1-1/8"	
Middle Shelf (F)	8-3/8"	2"	7-1/8"	1-1/8"	
Lower Shelf (G)	10-5/8"	2-1/4"	8-5/8"	1-1/8"	
Bottom (H)	10-5/8"	2-1/4"	9"	1"	

#### Step 4: Cut the Lower Sides (I) and Front Parts (J)

- 1. Cut the lower sides (I) according to the specified dimensions.
- 2. Make a rabbet the thickness of the back pieces x 3/8" along the back edges of the lower sides (I) (see **Figure 7**) to accept the back pieces (B).
- 3. Miter the front edges of the lower sides (I) at 22-1/2 degrees to meet the front parts (J) (see **Figure 8**).
- 4. Cut the front parts (J) according to the specified dimensions.
- 5. Miter the outside edges of the front parts (J) at 22-1/2 degrees to meet the lower sides (I) (see Figure 8).



Figure 7: Lower Sides (I) Rabbet



Figure 8: Mitering the Lower Sides (I) and Front Parts (J)

#### Step 5: Assemble

- 1. Test assemble the parts that you have cut so far.
- 2. Adjust any parts that do not fit properly.
- 3. Use glue and brads to make the final assemble.

#### Step 6: Cut and Fit the Valance (K)

- 1. Select a 3/8" x 3-1/4" x 6" piece of stock.
- 2. Set the table saw at a 6-degree tilt.
- 3. Rip along the top edge of the stock to create the valance's (K) final 3" width (see **Figure 9**).
- 4. Hold the valance (K) in place on the case.
- 5. Mark for the two side cuts. **NOTE: You MUST make the side cuts at 47 degrees, as opposed to the 45-degree cut that you would make if the sides were NOT inclined inward**.



Figure 9: Valance Layout

- 6. Make the two side cuts.
- 7. Refer to the grid pattern in Figure 9 to lay out the valance profile.
- 8. Band saw the valance profile.
- 9. Use glue and brads to mount the completed valance (K) to the case.
- 10. Miter the quarter-round molding (L) as needed.
- 11. Apply the molding (L) to the valance (K), side pieces (A), and back pieces (B) with glue and small brads. NOTE: Because the quarter-round molding (L) is small, you do NOT need to adjust it further to make it comply with the taper.

#### Step 7: Make the Drawer

- 1. Cut the drawer parts (M, N, O, and P) according to the specified numbers and dimensions.
- 2. Use standard rabbeted drawer construction techniques to complete the edges of the drawer parts (M, N, and P).
- 3. Use the table saw to bevel the drawer front (P) (see Figure 10). NOTE: The blade height at a 10-degree angle is 1-1/8".
- 4. Use glue and small brads to assemble the completed drawer parts (M, N, O, and P).
- 5. Cut the drawer guides (Q) according to the specified numbers and dimensions.
- 6. Mount two of the drawer guides (Q) to the drawer bottom (O) (see complete schematic for correct placement).



Figure 10: Drawer Front Bevel

- 7. Mount the third drawer guide (Q) to the center of the case bottom (see complete schematic for correct placement).
- 8. Place a turned knob (R) or a porcelain knob 1" in diameter in the drawer front (P) to complete the drawer (see **Figure 11**).



Figure 11: Drawer Knob Placement

#### Step 8: Stain and Finish to Suit

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