DIY Stenciled Tool Tote

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Difficulty

Easy

This tool tote is compact but convenient, and easy for beginners. You can have fun customizing the stencil design too!

Tools

Kreg Tools

Kreg®
Pocket-   Kreg® Pocket-Hole Jig 520PRO
Hole Jig
520PRO

Other Tools

Saw

Drill

Sander

Materials

Wood Products

1   1x10 Board , 1x10x8

1   3/4" Dowel Rod , 3/4" X 4'

Hardware & Supplies

16 1 1/4" Pocket Hole Screws

1   3/4" Forstner Drill Bit

1   Paint And Stain

1   Painter's Tape

1   Stencil Or Vinyl & Cutting Machine

Cut List & Parts

2   Front And Back, 1x10x8 Board , 14" Long

2   Sides, 1x10x8 Board , 16" Long

1   Bottom, 1x10x8 Board , 12 1/2" Long

1   Handle, 3/4" Dowel Rod , 14" Long

Directions

1 **Cut Your Wood**

Cut your wood to the specified dimensions.

2 **Sand Your Wood**

Use a sander or sanding block to smooth edges.

3 Drill Pocket Holes

Use your Kreg jig to drill pocket holes as follows:

Bottom piece (3 holes on each of the longer sides, and 2 holes on each shorter end)

Side pieces (2 holes along one side of each board, toward bottom 1/3 of the board)
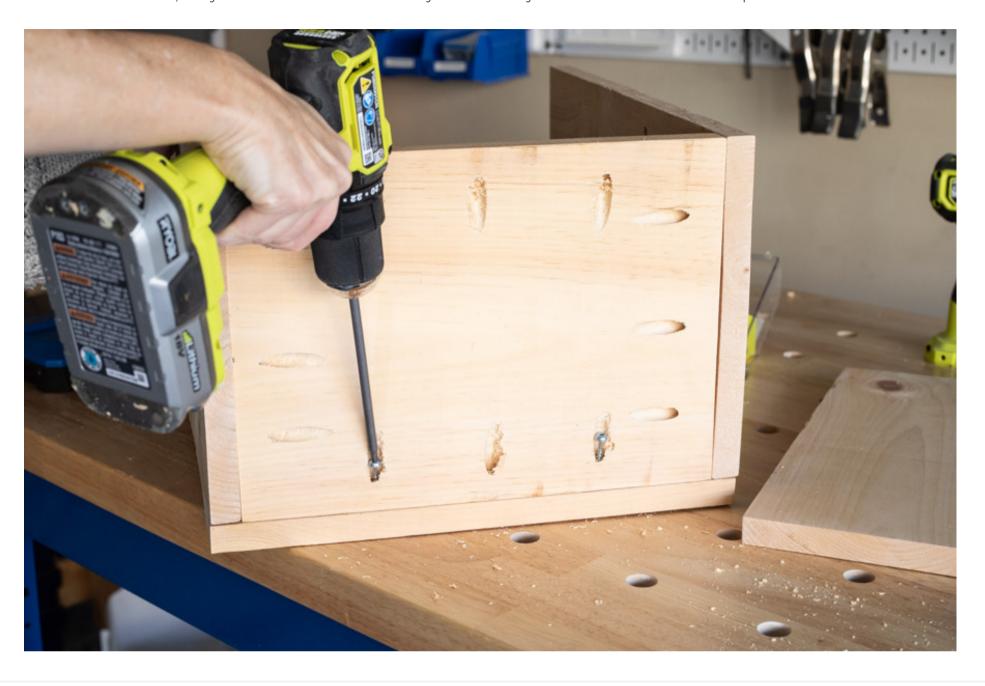

4 Drill hole for handle

Use a 3/4" Forstner bit to drill a hole at the top of each side piece (opposite end from your pocket holes), centered and about 3/4" from the top.

5 Build Your Box

Using 1 1/4" pocket hole screws, attach your side pieces to the bottom piece. I like the screws to be on the bottom so they aren't visible, but you can attach it whichever way is easiest for you. Attach the front and back panels last.

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Insert Handle

Slide dowel rod through the holes at the top of your tool tote, using a mallet if needed to position it in place.

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Stain Tote

Use stain of your choice (I used Provincial).

8 **Paint/Stencil**

Run a strip of painter's tape diagonally across the front of your tote. Add stencils or vinyl decals (I created these using a vinyl cutting machine). Paint over them and then remove the tape and decals while paint is still damp.