

Scrap wood business card holder

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Difficulty

Easy

Scrap lumber. We've all got it. After building a trestle desk, I had a collection of 2x4 lengths cut at 45 degree angles I couldn't use for anything big, so I came up with a simple (but stylish) design to hold business cards!



Tools

Other Tools

- Miter Saw
- Tape Measure
- Sander

Materials

Wood Products

- 1 Board , 2x4 , 2"

Hardware & Supplies

- 1 Choice Of Wood Stain (I Used Varthane Carrington)
- 1 Choice Of Topcoat (Shellac, Poly, Etc)
- 1 Piece Of Felt, Cut To Fit
- 1 Wood Glue

Cut List & Parts

1 Holder , 2" X 3.5" X 1.5"

Directions

1

Cut the angle

the leftover lumber I used to craft had already been cut at a 45 degree angle, so if you're starting from scratch you'll want to start by lopping off the end of your workpiece at an angle. this will be the front of your business card holder.

2

Cut the groove

There's a lot of ways to do this--easiest would be a table saw, but at the time I was building these all I had was a miter saw with a depth stop. I marked where the front and back of the groove needed to be, then made successive cuts to notch out the groove. Finally, I cleaned it up with a chisel.

3

Sand it down

Once you're done with the groove, you'll want to sand down the piece. I started with some 150 grit before using the 220 grit. Ultimately, it's up to you how smooth you want it to be. Make sure you blow all the dust off before you move on to the next step.

4**Cut off excess**

I didn't remove the holder from the 2x4 until I'd finished the groove--it let me keep my hand safely away from the sawblade. The holder should be about 2" from back to front.

**5****Stain it**

This is where you get to personalize the finish--in my case, I used Varthane Carrington as my stain. Apply stain, allow it to soak into the wood, then wipe away with a clean rag.

6**Apply topcoat**

The topcoat is really going to protect that beautiful stain you applied in the previous step. You can use shellac, poly, really whatever you're comfortable with or what'll give you the look you're going for.

7**Add felt**

The felt on the bottom should be cut to the size of your base--it's going to protect your desktop from getting banked up by your business card holder. Apply some wood glue to the bottom of the piece and set the felt onto it, wiping away any excess.
