

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



Other Tools

Saw

Drill

Sander

Materials

Wood Products

- 1 1x10 Board, 1x10x8
- 1 3/4" Dowel Rod , 3/4" X 4'

Hardware & Supplies

- **16** 11/4" Pocket Hole Screws
- 1 3/4" Forstner Drill Bit
- 1 Paint And Stain
- 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.





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)





Drill hole for handle

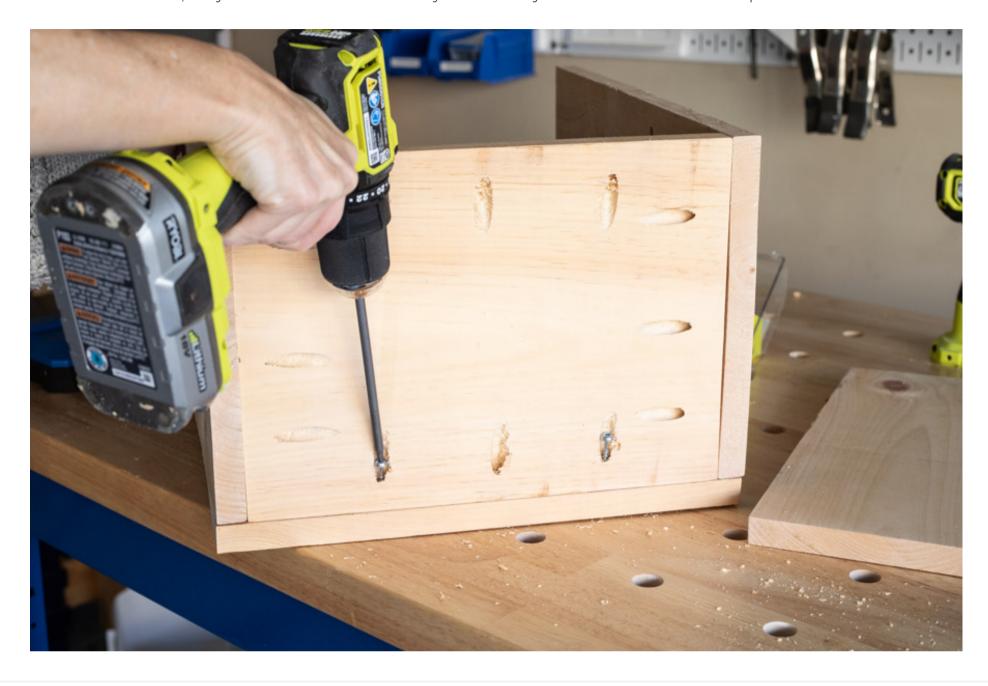
Use a 3/4" Forstner bit to drill a hole at the top of each side piece (opposite end from your pocket holes), centered and about 3/4" from the top.





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.

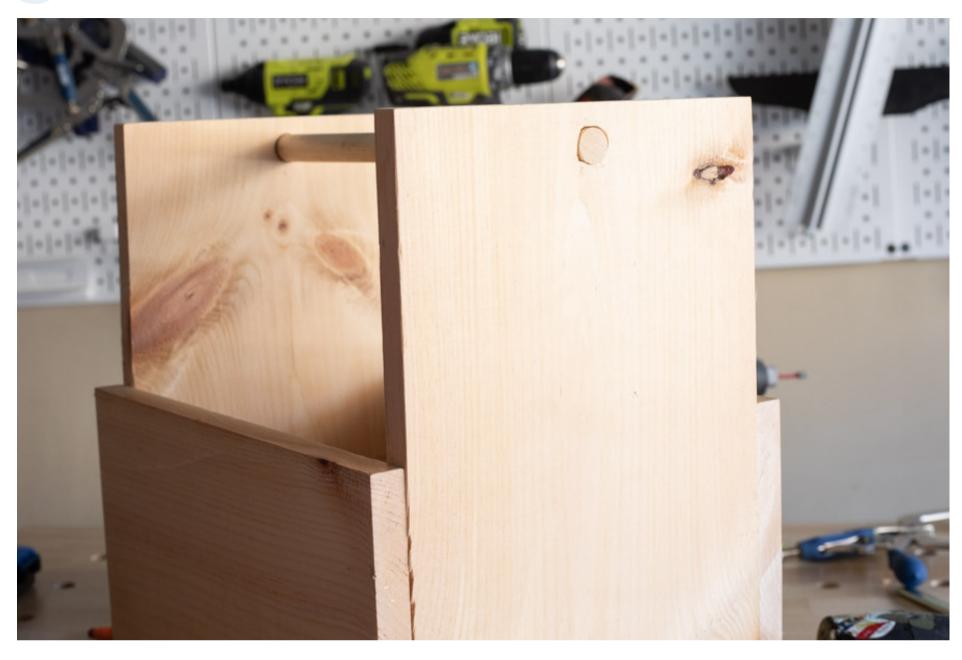






Insert Handle

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





Stain Tote

Use stain of your choice (I used Provincial).





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.

