

# 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-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

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## Cut Your Wood

Cut your wood to the specified dimensions.



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## 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.





**6****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.

**7****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.

