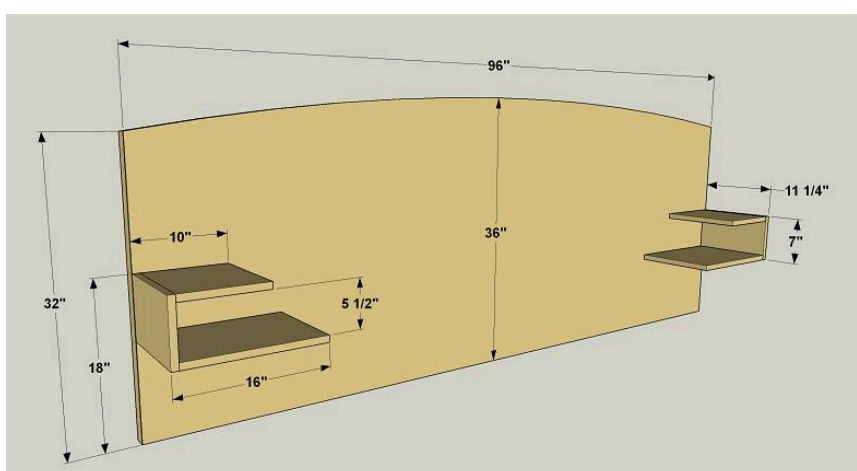
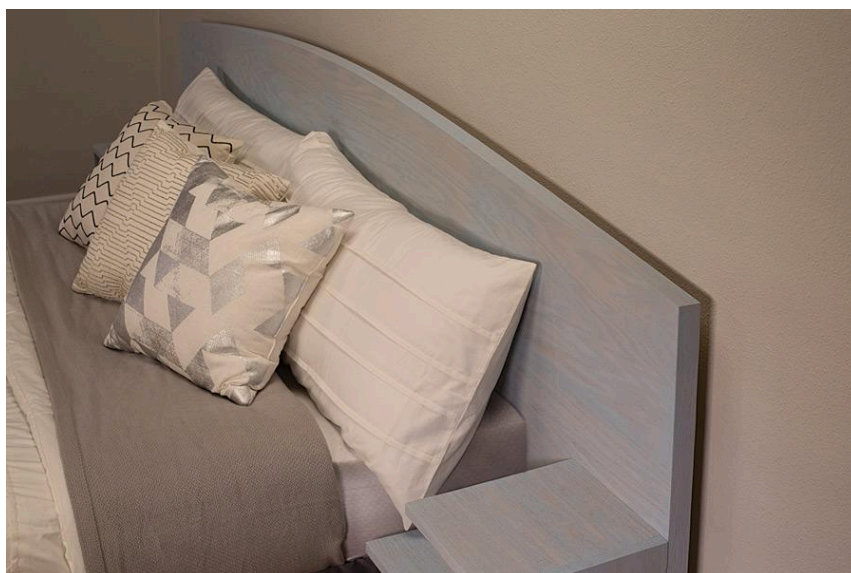


Arched-Top Headboard

Difficulty

Moderate

This great-looking headboard features an arched top and floating side tables. By changing the finish, you can customize it to match your style. This one is designed for a Queen mattress. The whole thing is made from one sheet of oak plywood, an oak 1x12 board, and two rolls of iron-on veneer edging.



Tools

Kreg Tools



Other Tools

- Jigsaw
- Miter Saw
- Tape Measure
- Edge Banding Trimmer
- Drill (cordless)
- Hammer
- Nail Gun
- Iron
- Sander

Materials

Wood Products

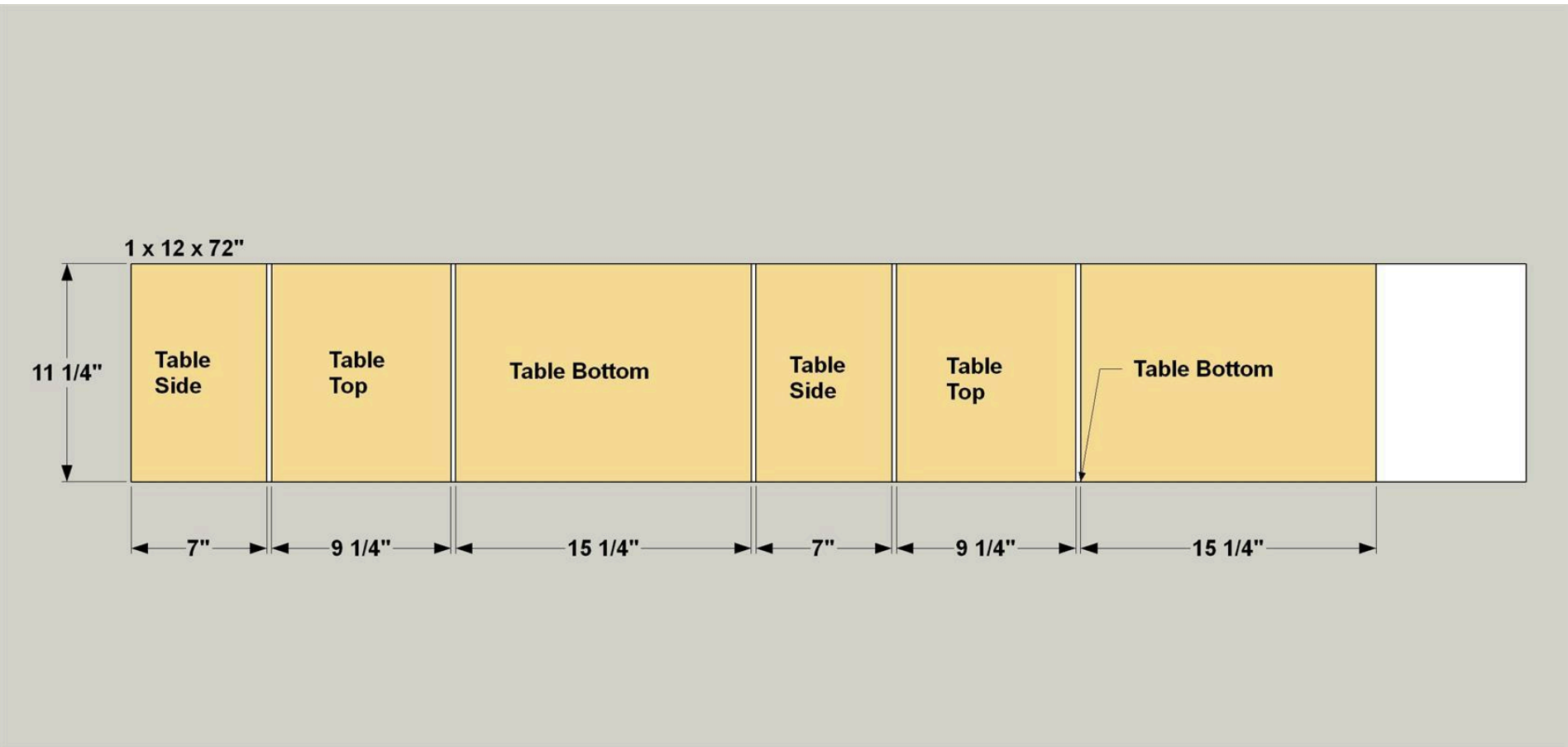
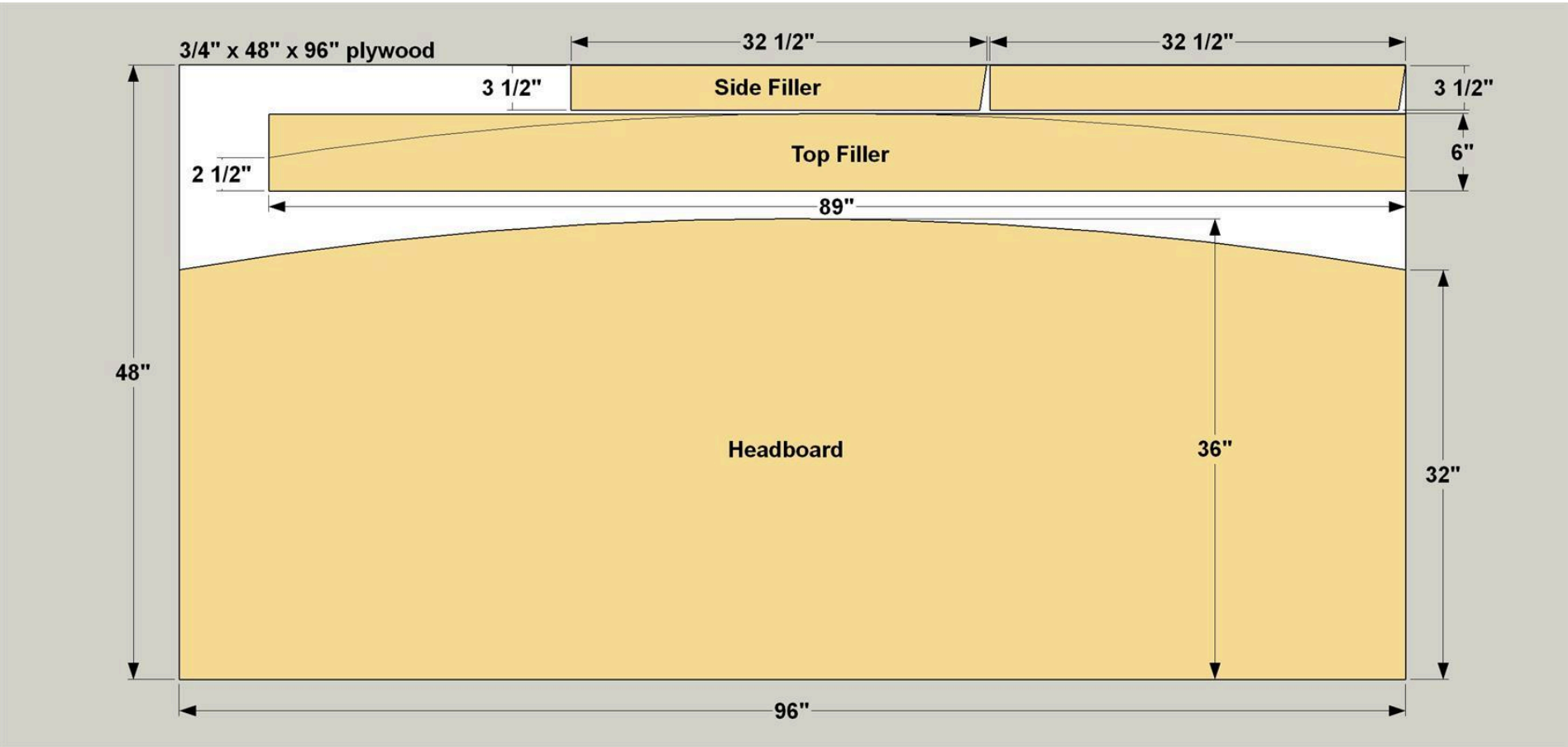
- 1** Plywood , 3/4" Thick , Full Sheet
- 1** Board , 1x12 , 72"

Hardware & Supplies

- 12** 1 1/4" Coarse-thread Pocket Hole Screws
- 12** 1 1/4" Fine-thread Pocket Hole Screws
- 30** 1 1/4" Brad Nails
- 2** 2" X 8' Red Oak Iron-on Veneer Edging
- 1** Wood Glue

Cut List & Parts

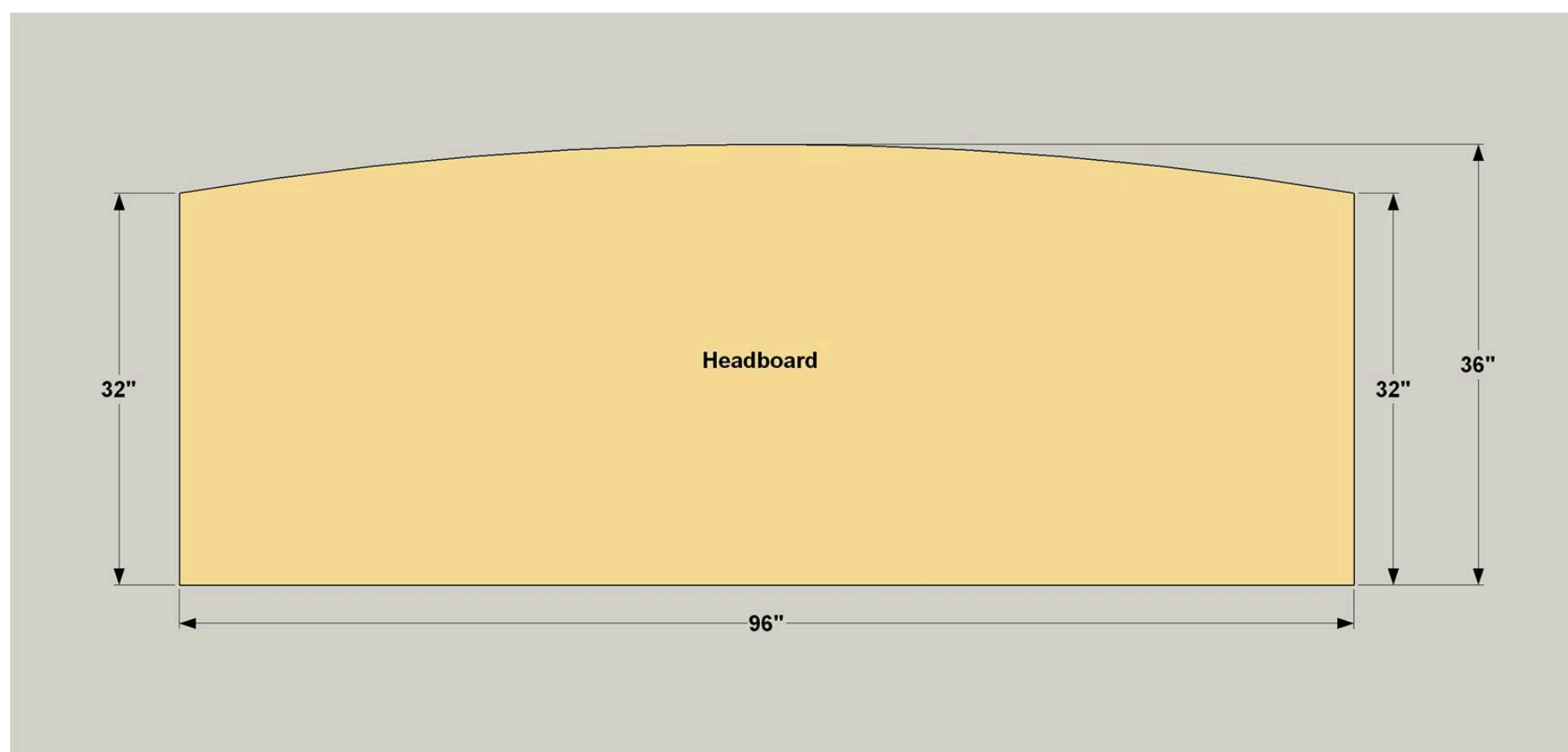
- 1 Headboard Face , 3/4" Ply X 36" X 96" Oak
- 2 Side Filler , 3/4" Ply X 3 1/2" X 32 1/2" Oak
- 1 Top Filler , 3/4" Ply X 6" X 89" Oak
- 2 Table Top , 3/4" X 11 1/4" X 9 1/4" Oak
- 2 Table Side , 3/4" X 11 1/4" X 7" Oak
- 2 Table Bottom , 3/4" X 11 1/4" X 15 1/4" Oak



Directions

1**Cut the Headboard Face**

The first step in creating this project is to cut the Headboard Face from a sheet of 3/4" plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram. To do that, you need to first lay out the arched shape. See the Tip below for a great way to create a smooth arc. Once you have it drawn on, use a jigsaw with a fine-tooth blade to cut the arch as close to the line as possible. Now sand the arch smooth to the line with a random-orbit sander or a belt sander. Take care to keep the edge flat and square to the face as you sand.



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Make a Pair of Side Fillers

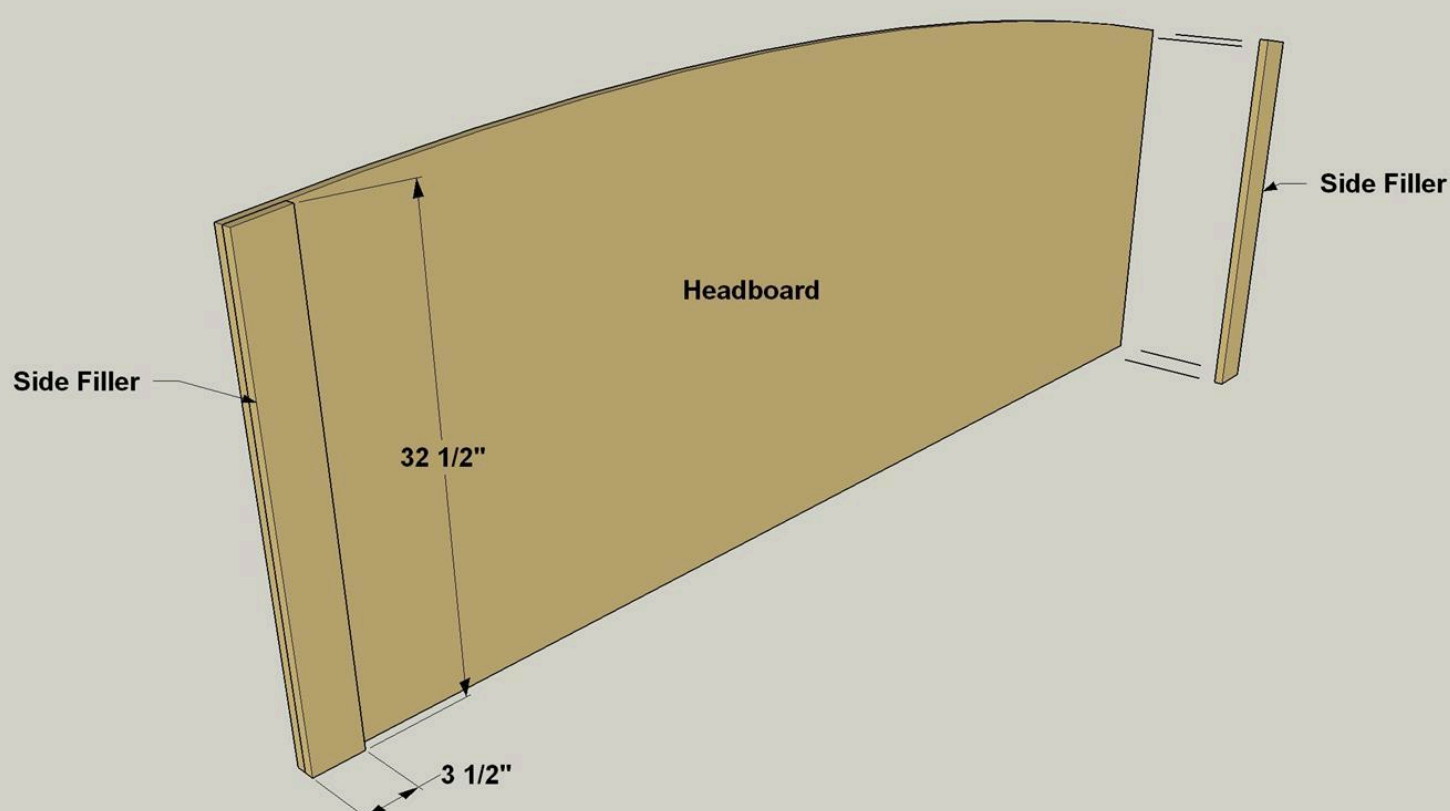
Now you can cut two Side Fillers to size, as shown in the cutting diagram. You could make them from a 1x4 board, but we used leftover plywood. Make them extra-long at first. Then set each Side Filler in place against backside of the Headboard Face. Make sure that the straight factory edge of each Side Filler is aligned with the sides of the Headboard Face and that the bottom of the Fillers is even with the bottom edge of the Headboard Face. Then trace the arched shape of the Headboard Face onto each Side Filler, and cut the Side Fillers to final length using a jigsaw.



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Attach the Side Fillers

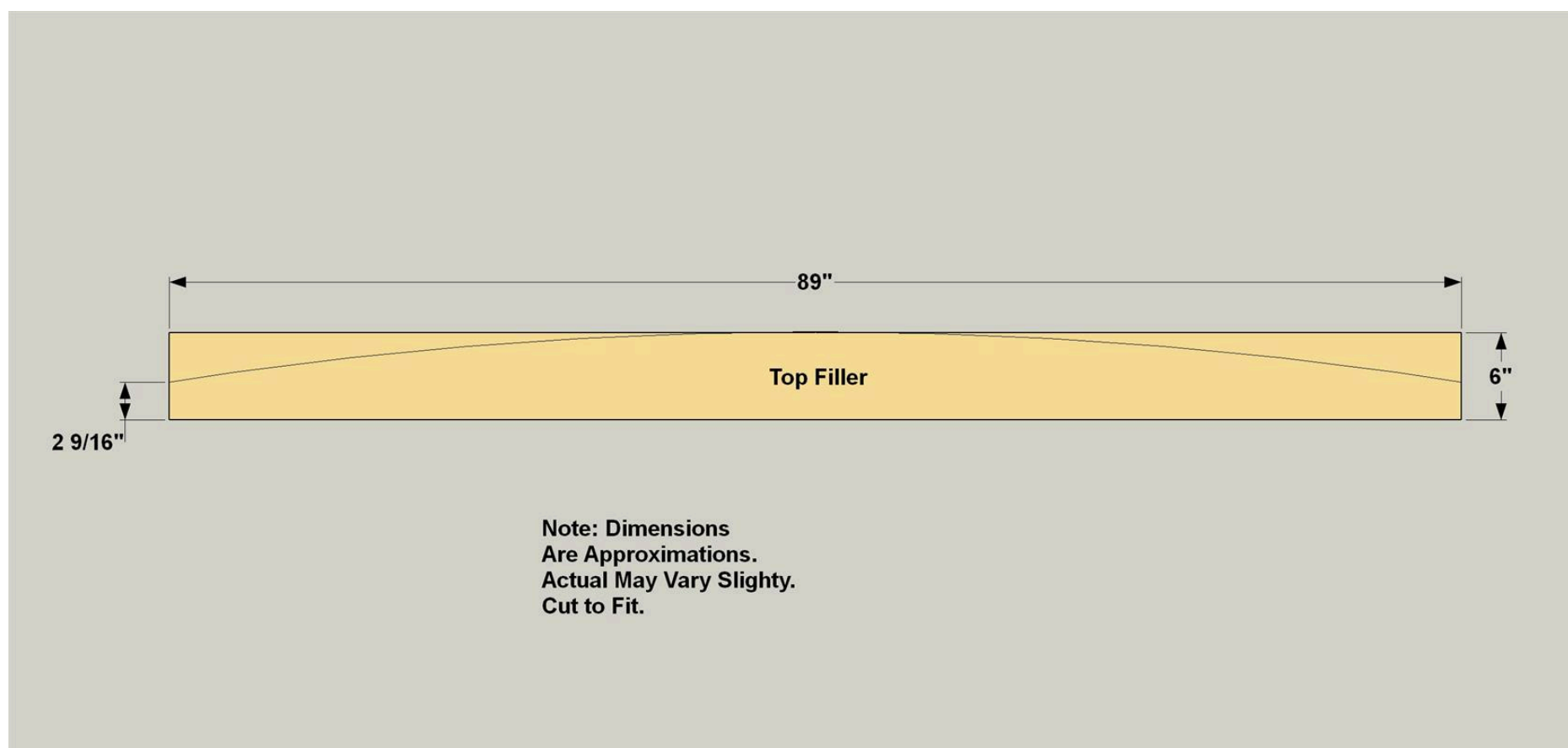
Spread glue on the Side Fillers, and then clamp them in place on the backside of the headboard face, making sure the ends and edges are aligned. Clamp the Fillers in place, and then drive in 1 1/4" brads. 6-8 nails per Side Filler should be plenty. You can use a brad nailer if you have access to one, or just use a hammer and loose brads.



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Make a Top Filler

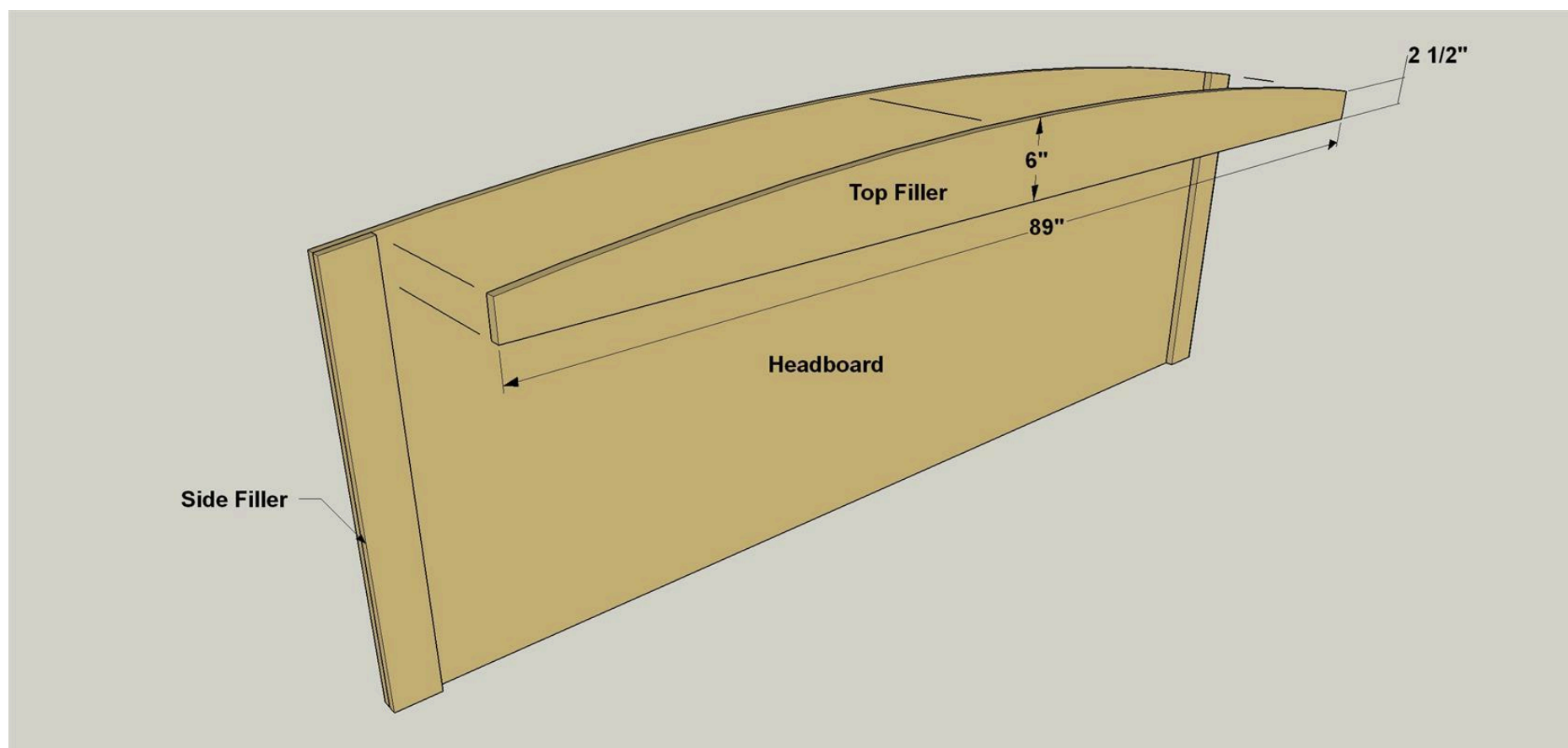
Now you need to create a Top Filler. Once again, we cut ours from leftover plywood, as shown in the cutting diagram. Start by cutting an extra-wide piece from your remaining plywood. Then cut it to length. Lay the Top Filler in place between the Side Fillers, and then trace arc from the Headboard Face on to the Top Filler. Cut the arch with a jigsaw.



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Attach the Top Filler

Spread glue on the Top Filler, and then clamp it in place, making sure the upper edge is even with the arched edge of the Headboard Face. Secure the Top Filler with 1 1/4" brads. After the glue dries, sand edges of the headboard assembly as necessary to ensure that you have a flat, even surface for the iron-on veneer edge banding that you'll add next.



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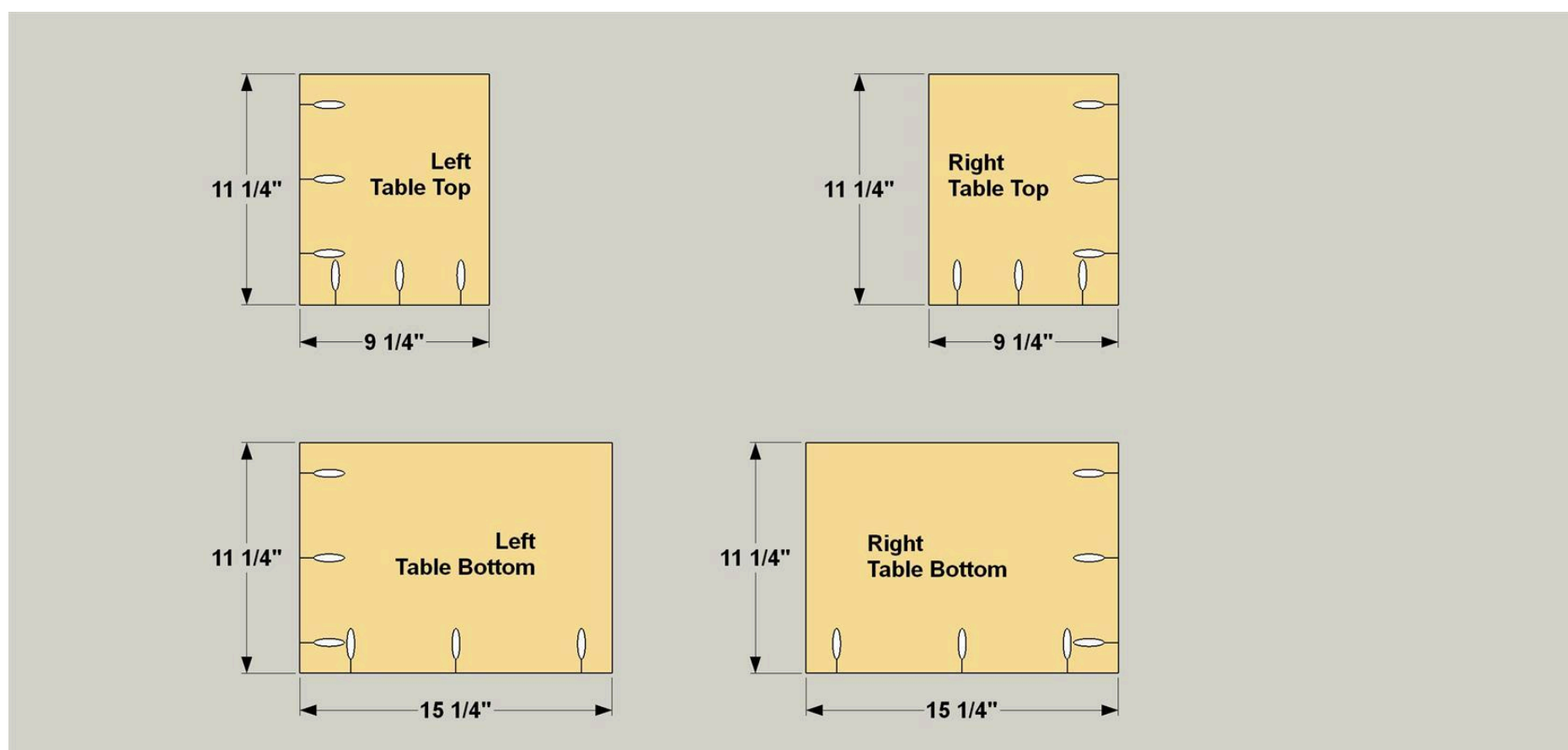
Veneer the Edges

Cut two pieces of 2"-wide iron-on veneer edge banding slightly longer than the sides of the headboard. Then cut one piece slightly longer than the arched top edge. Starting with the sides of the headboard, position the edge banding so it overlaps on both edges and at the ends. Apply the banding using an iron, according to the manufacturer's directions. When the glue has cooled, trim the edging flush at the ends using a utility knife, and flush along the edges using an edge trimmer. After edging both sides, apply the edge banding to the arched top, as well. Lightly sand all of the veneer edges by hand, just enough to soften the sharp edges. It only takes a few strokes. Be careful so you don't sand through the thin plywood face veneer.

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Cut the Floating Side Tables

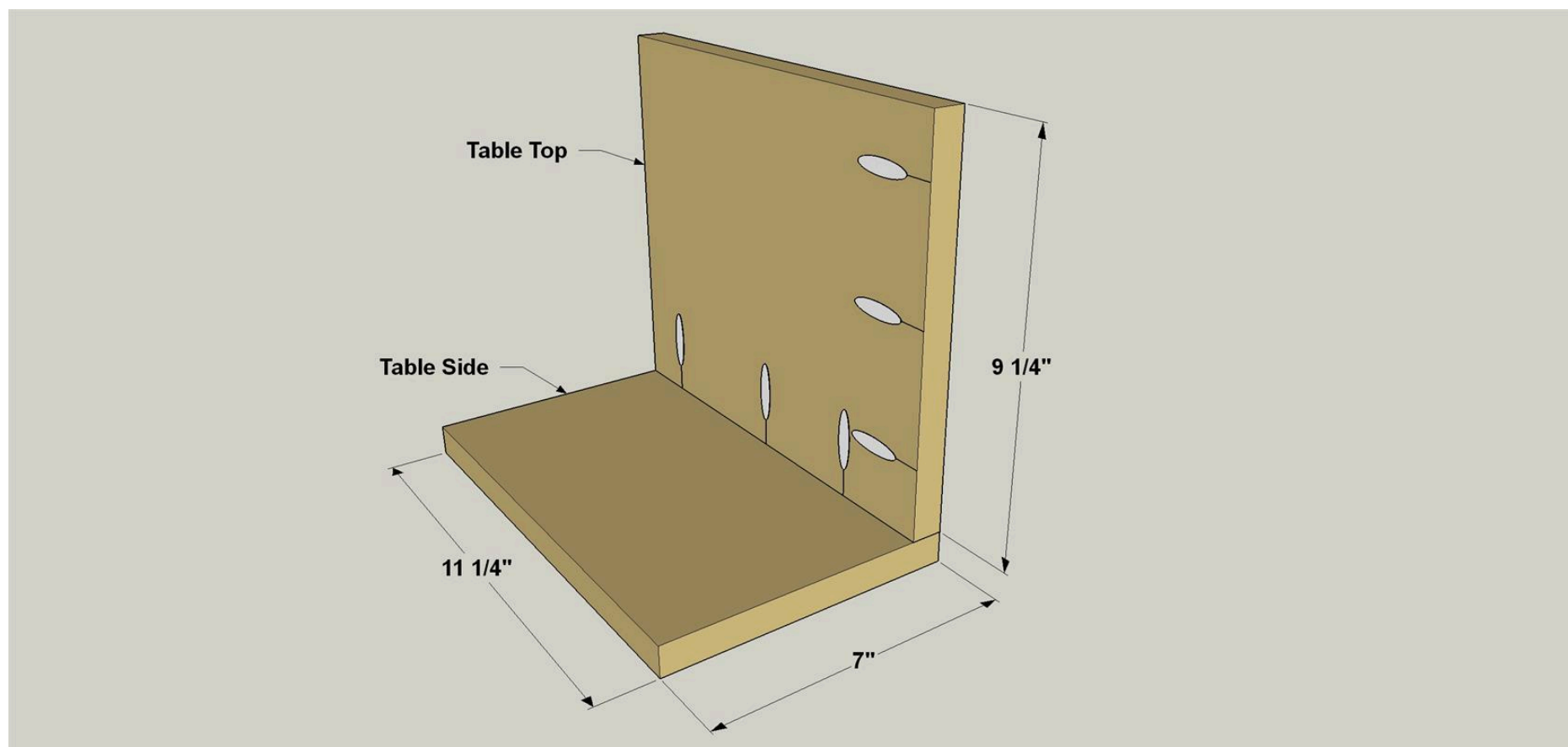
Cut two Table Tops, two Table Sides and two Table Bottoms from a 1 x 12 board, as shown in the cut diagram. Set your pocket hole jig for $\frac{3}{4}$ " material and drill pocket holes in the Table Tops and Table Sides as shown. Notice there are left side and right side parts so pay close attention to the pocket hole placement on these parts.



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Attach the Top to the Side

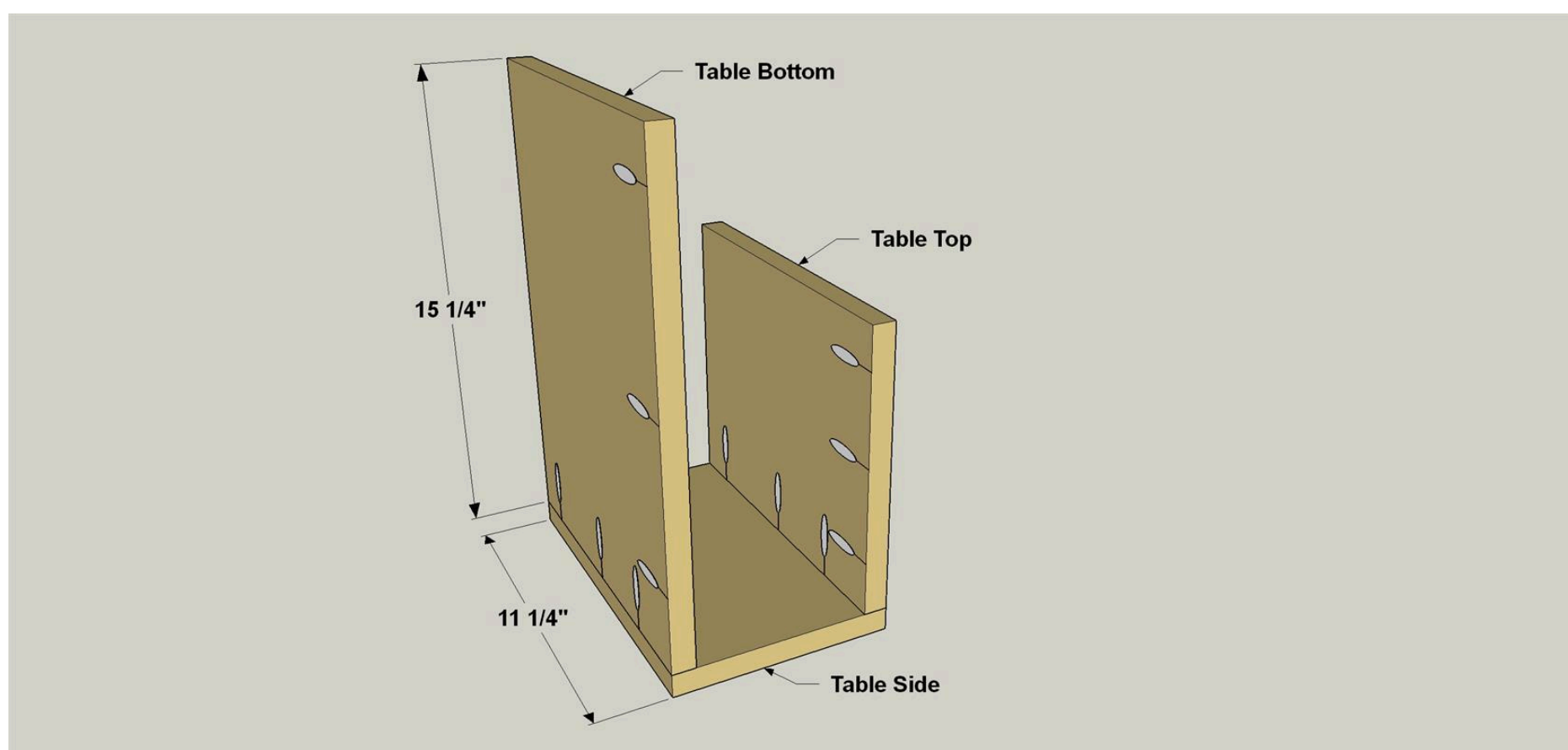
Attach the Table Tops to the Table Sides using 1 1/4" fine-threaded pocket screws. Make sure the Top and Side edges are flush with one another and the pocket holes face downward.



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Attach the Bottom to the Side

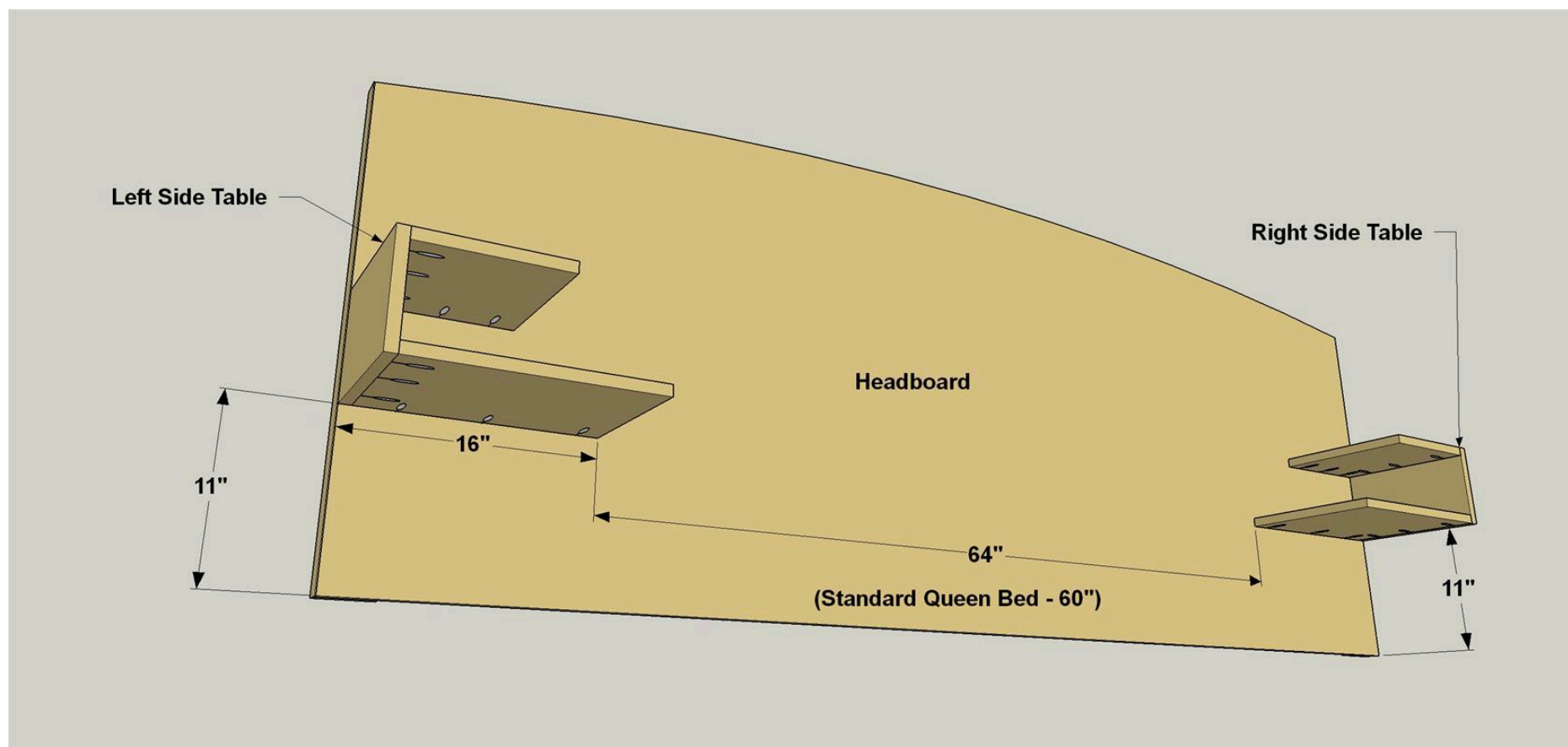
Attach the Table Bottoms to the Table Sides using 1 1/4" fine-threaded pocket screws. Again, align the edges and make sure the pocket holes face downward.



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Attach the Tables

Attach the Tables to the Headboard Face where shown using 1 1/4" coarse-threaded pocket screws. Course-tread screws provide a stronger connection when attaching to plywood.



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Sand and Apply a Finish

Sand all of the edges and surfaces as needed. Then then thoroughly clean dust off of the headboard before applying your favorite finish. To create the washed finish shown here, we used a light blue color (Oatlands Dainty Blue from Valspar) and thinned it about 25% with water. We applied the paint with a foam roller, and then quickly wiped off the excess with rags while the paint was still wet.