

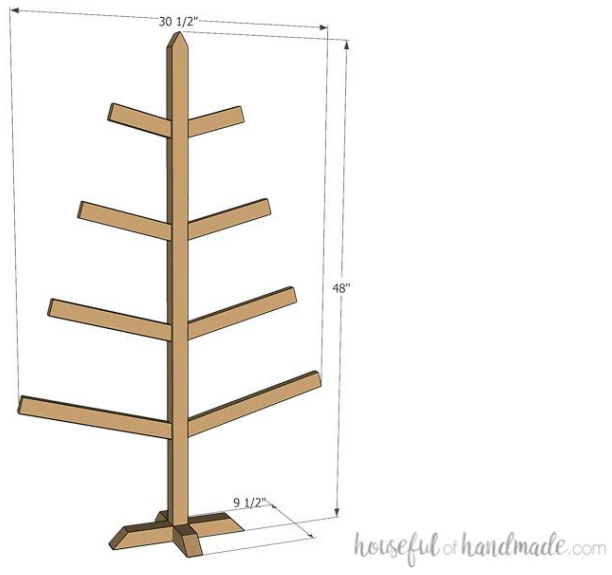
Christmas Card Tree

Difficulty

Easy

This simple Christmas tree is the perfect place to display all your Christmas cards this holiday season. Made from just 2 inexpensive boards, you can make this easy card holder in about an hour.





Tools

Kreg Tools

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Pocket-
Hole Jig
720

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Other Tools

Miter Saw

Tape Measure

Drill (cordless)

Impact Driver

Sander

Materials

Wood Products

1 Board , 2x2 , 72"

1 Board , 1x2 , 96"

Hardware & Supplies

16 1 1/4" Pocket Hole Screws

4 2 1/2" Pocket Hole Screws

28 Ring Loop Photo Holders

1 Wood Glue

Cut List & Parts

- 1 Trunk , 1 1/2" X 1 1/2" X 48"
- 2 Base Sides , 1 1/2" X 1 1/2" X 6"
- 2 Base Front/Back , 1 1/2" X 1 1/2" X 4"
- 2 Large Limbs , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 15"
- 2 Medium-large Limbs , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 12"
- 2 Medium Limbs , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 9"
- 2 Small Limbs , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 6"

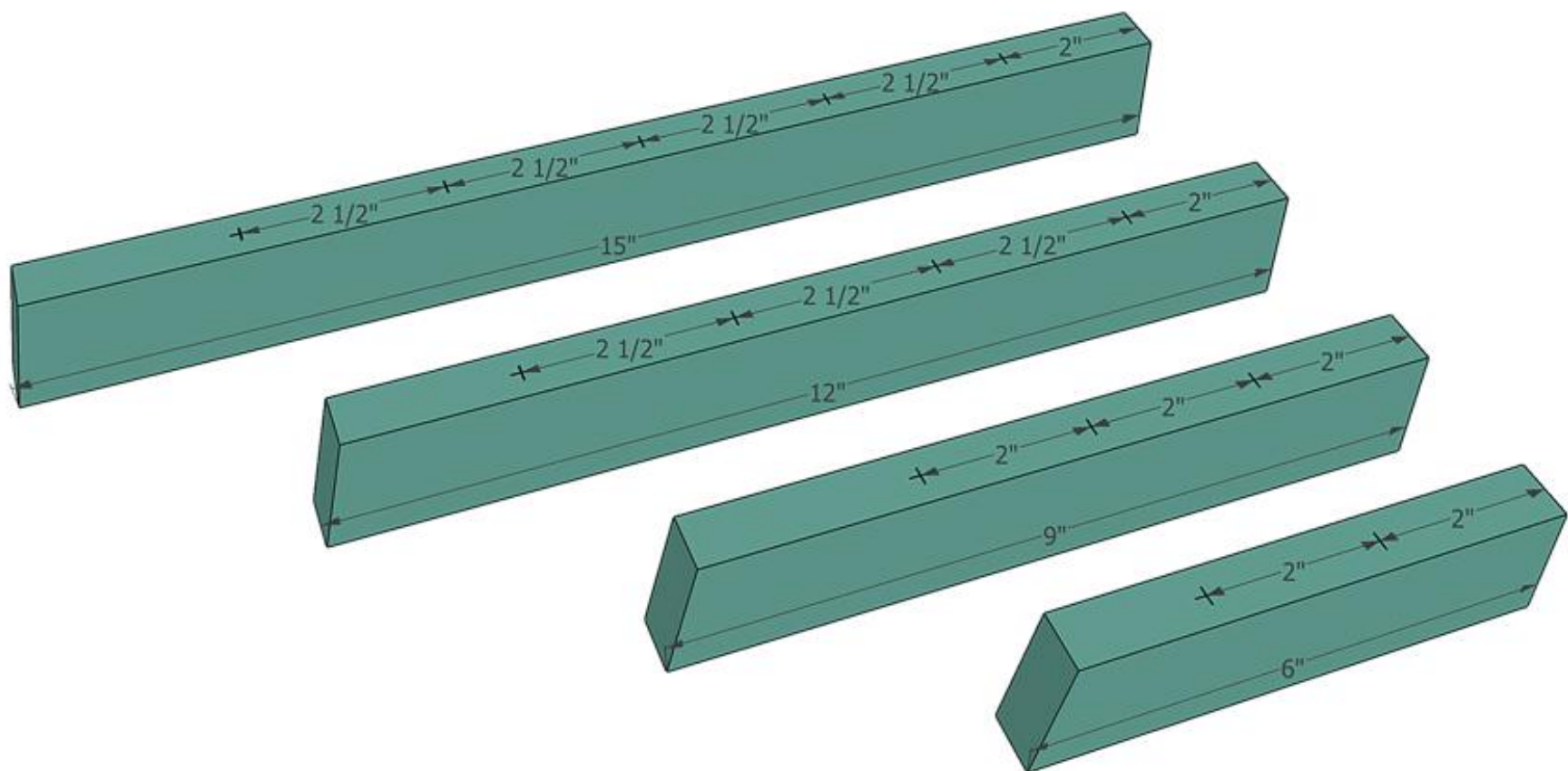
Directions

1**Cutting the boards**

When cutting the boards, cut the trunk so there is a point at the top. I used a 50 degree angle (the highest my saw would go) on my miter saw to get a steep angle. For the base boards, cut one end at a 45 degree angle. For the limb boards, cut one end at a 15 degree angle.

2**Drill holes for card holder rings**

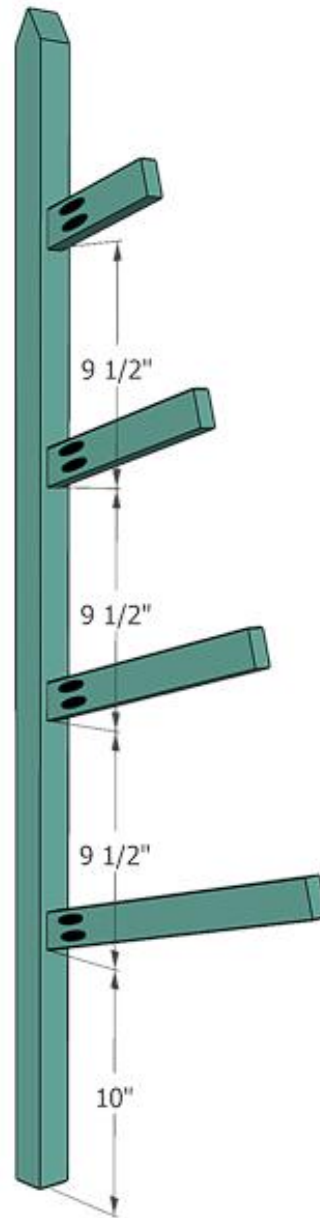
Measure and mark where to drill holes to insert the ring loops to hold the cards. Use a drill bit the same size as the metal on the ring loops to drill a 3/4" deep hole in the side of the boards. It is much easier to do this before attaching the limbs (I did not and it required branding the limbs to make them straight since my holes were tilted toward the front).

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Attach limbs to one side

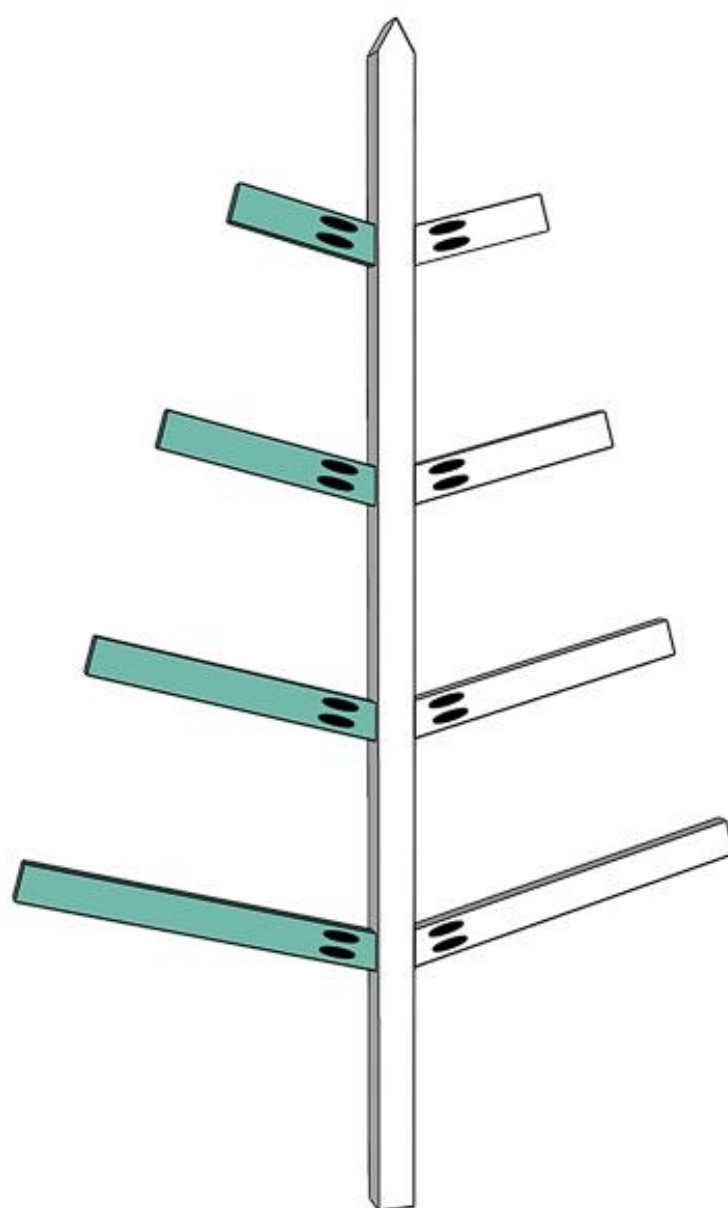
Set your picket hole jig for $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick material and drill 2 pocket holes on the angled side of each limb board. Make sure to mirror which way the angle is so the pocket holes all end up on the back of the tree. Measure 10" up from the bottom of the trunk board. Attach the large limb so the bottom of the angled cut is at this mark and centered on the 2x2 trunk. Secure with wood glue and $1\frac{1}{4}$ " pocket hole screws. Attach the rest of the limbs so they are $9\frac{1}{2}$ " up from the bottom of the previous one.



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4**Attach limbs to the other side**

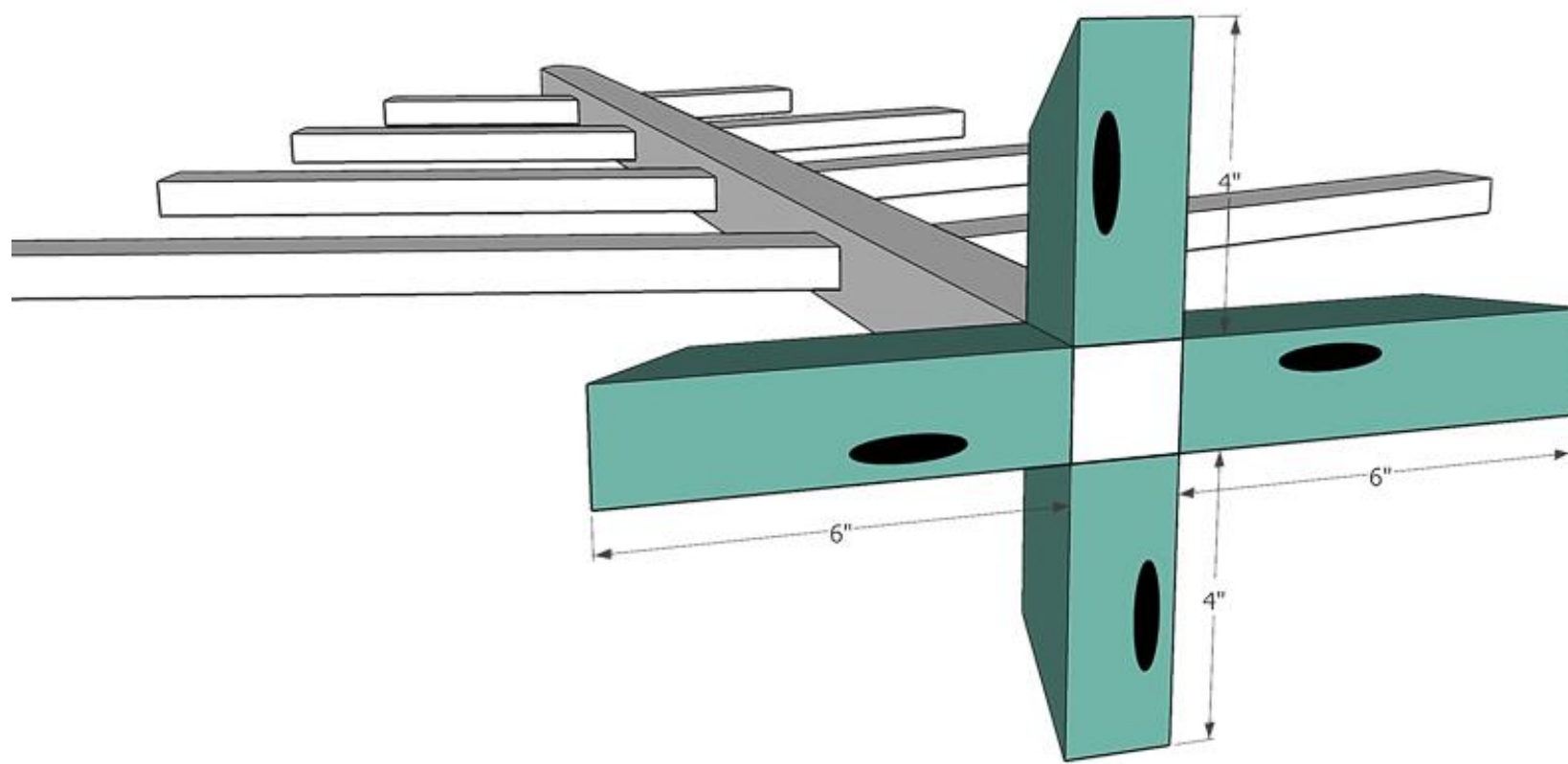
Repeat for the other side of the tree. Make sure all the limbs mirror each other and the limbs angle up.



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5**Attach the base**

Set your pocket hole jig for 1 1/2" thick material and drill one pocket hole in the bottom of each of the base boards. Offset them to one side so the screws don't all hit each other in the trunk board. Attach the two side base pieces to the sides of the trunk and the front/back pieces so they stick out the front and back. Secure with 2 1/2" pocket holes and wood glue.



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6**Sand & Finish**

Sand and stain/paint your Christmas tree. I used my sander to slightly round over the angle at the top of the trunk and the base boards.

7**Attach card holder rings**

Clip the stem of the card holder rings to about 3/4" long if needed (mine were longer to use for cake toppers too). Place a dot of super glue gel on the stem and place it in the holes drilled for them earlier.



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Enjoy!

After the glue is dry, it is time to load up all your Christmas cards. And make sure to come visit me at Housefulofhandmade.com for more things to make this Christmas (I have already been building decor this year!).



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