## Farmhouse Storage Bench

## Difficulty

Easy

This farmhouse storage bench is a great addition under a window or in your entryway. It can also be lengthened and used as a dining table bench! This project is built from a $2 \times 4$ base, which can be done with standard $2 \times 4$ lumber, or use the Adaptive Cutting System to make your own $2 \times 4$ boards.


## Tools

Kreg Tools

Kreg $®$ Pocket-Hole Jig 720

## Other Tools

Miter Saw
Square

Table Saw
Tape Measure

Clamps
Drill (cordless)

Impact Driver

Sander
Air Compressor

Shop Vacuum

## Materials

Wood Products
2 Board, $2 \times 4,96{ }^{\prime \prime}$
2 Board, $1 \times 4,96$ "
2 Board, 1x8, 72"
1 Plywood, 7/2" Thick, Quarter Sheet

## Hardware \& Supplies

20 21/2" Pocket Screws
30 11/4" Pocket Screws
2 1/2" Middle Hinges (1 Package)
1 Wood Glue
1220 Grit Sandpaper
Paint Or Stain

## Cut List \& Parts

4 Legs, 11/2" $\times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 171 / 4^{\prime \prime}$
4 Stretchers, $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime}$
1 Long Stretcher, $17 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 431 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
2 Top Aprons, $3 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 431 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
1 Plywood Bottom, 7/2" $\times 14$ 7/2" $\times 43$ 1/2"
2 Breadboard Ends, 3/4" $\times 3$ 1/2" $\times 16$ 3/4"
2 1x8 Boards For Seat, 3/4" $\times 65 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 41^{\prime \prime}$
1 1×4 Board For Seat , $3 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 41^{\prime \prime}$

## Directions

## Assemble the legs

Drill 1 1/2" pocket holes into the four stretchers for each side of the bench. Attach with wood glue and 2 1/2" pocket screws.


## Attach the lower stretcher

Drill 1 1/2" pocket holes into the lower $2 \times 4$ stretcher. Center it between the legs and attach with wood glue and $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ pocket screws.


## Add the aprons

Attach the $1 \times 4$ aprons to the front and back edges of the legs, flush with the top. Drill $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ pocket holes into each end and attach with wood glue and 1 1/4" pocket screws.


## Attach the plywood bottom

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Drill $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ pocket holes into the $1 / 2$ plywood that will make up the storage compartment bottom. Attach flush with the bottom edge of the $1 \times 4$ and $2 \times 4$ frame pieces with 1" pocket screws


Use a table saw or the adaptive cutting system to rip two $1 \times 8$ boards down to $65 / 8$ " widths. Cut to size and drill $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ pocket holes into the three long boards as well as the breadboard ends. Attach together with wood glue and 1 1/4" pocket screws.


## Sand and finish

Sand the entire project down to 220 grit with an orbital sander or by hand. Finish as desired with paint or stain.

## Attach the bench seat

Using 2 1/2" middle hinges, attach the bench seat to the base. Mark the location of the hinges and trace the outside edges with a pencil into the top of the base. Using a chisel and mallet, make a mortise into the wood deep enough for the hinges to fit into and the bench seat to sit flush with the top of the base (approx $7 / 8$ ").


