

Floating Shelves with Sides

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Difficulty

Moderate

Quick and easy shelf build. These plans will build two floating shelves, a larger shelf on the bottom and a slightly smaller shelf that can be installed above it.

see the Extras tab for drawings and dimensions















Tools

Kreg Tools







Other Tools

Miter Saw

Square

Table Saw

Tape Measure

Clamps

Drill (cordless)

Impact Driver

Nail Gun

Sander

Materials

Wood Products

4 Board , 1x8 , 96"

Hardware & Supplies

- 10 Kreg Pocket Hole Plugs
- 10 Kreg 1 1/4" Pocket Hole Screws



Cut List & Parts

- A, 5" X 52 1/2" X 3/4"
- B, 61/2" X 521/2" X 3/4"
- C, 41/4" X 5 3/4" X 3/4""
- D, 43/4" X 521/2" X 3/4"
- E, 41/4" 4" X 3/4"



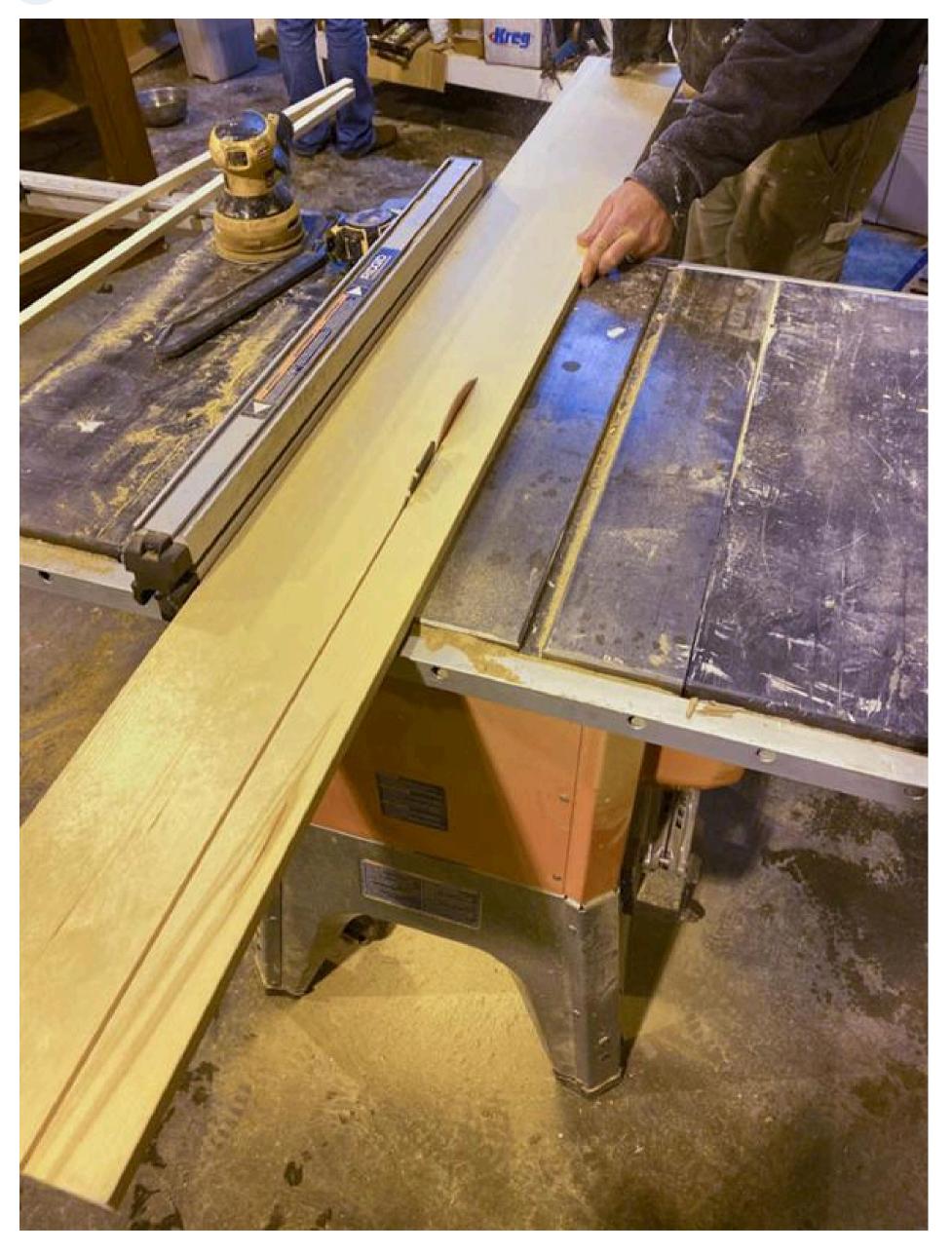
Directions





Cut 1x8s to size

Following the drawings in the "Extras" tab cut your four 1" x 8" to length and width

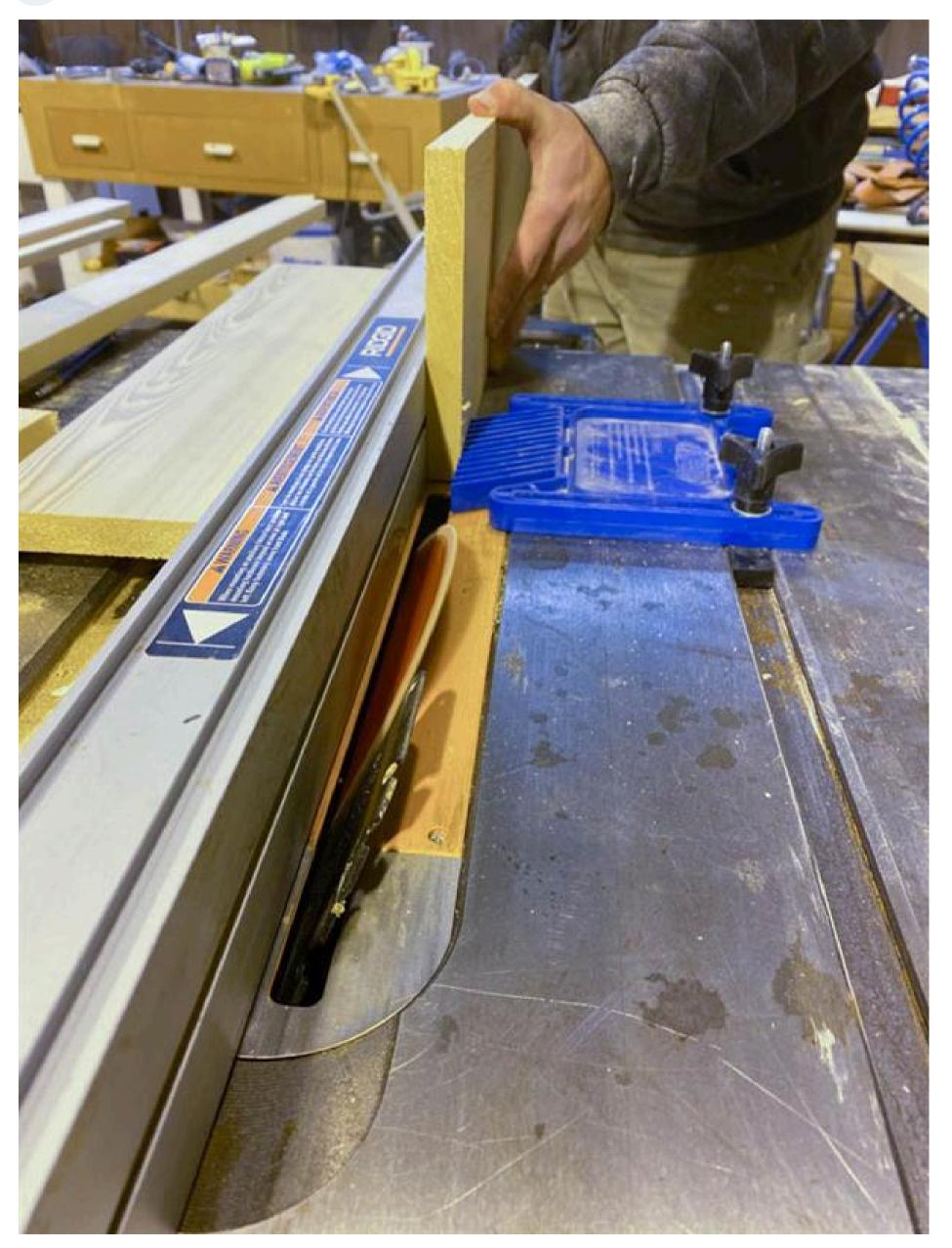






Add angle to bottom plates

as noted in drawings add your 45 deg cut to the front face bottom side of you two bottom shelves (Part B & D)







Add Radius to bottom plates

using a router, add a 3/16" radius to the front top side of your bottom plate (Parts B & D)

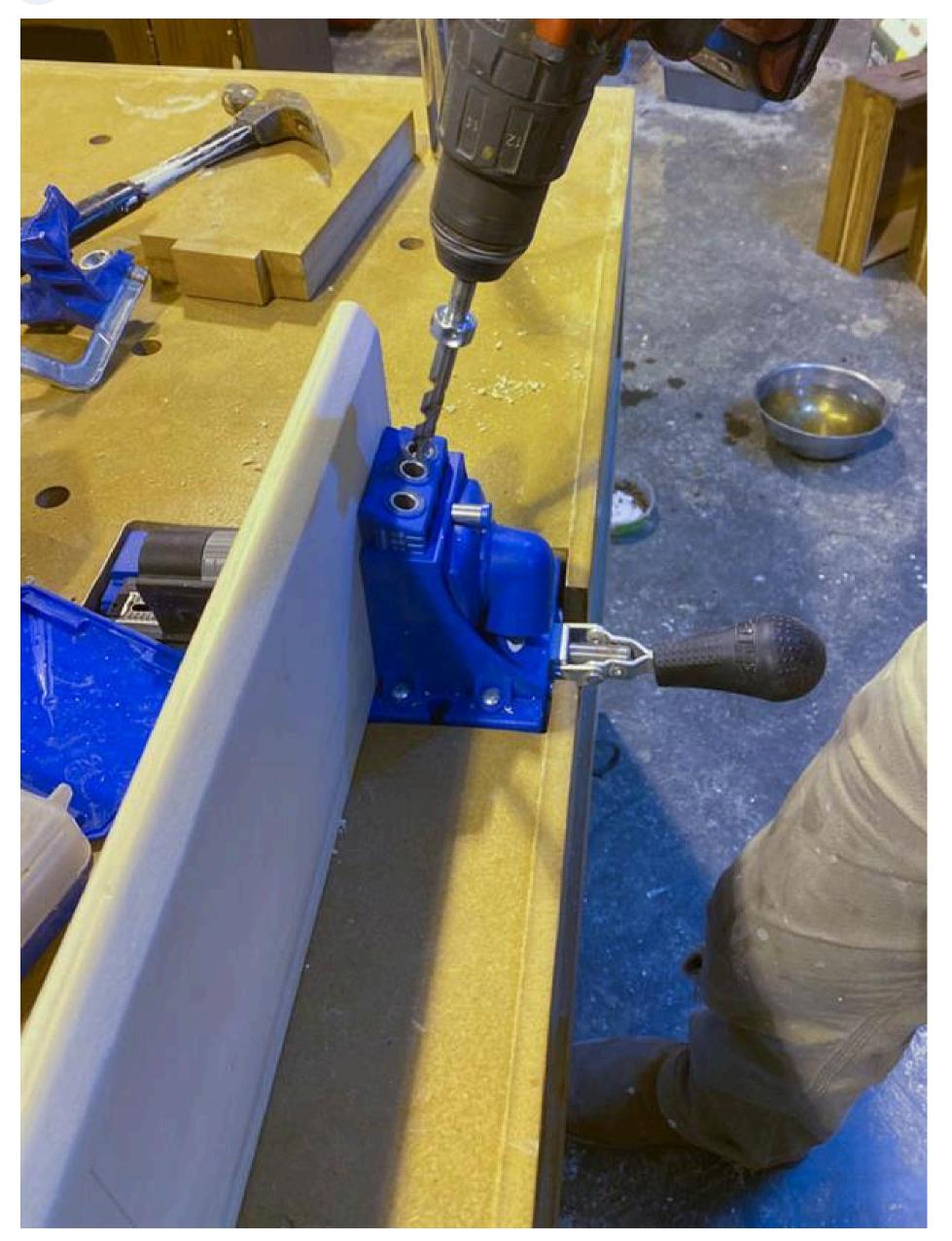






Add pocket holes

Using your Kreg pocket jig, drill your pocket holes on the bottom side of Part B & D

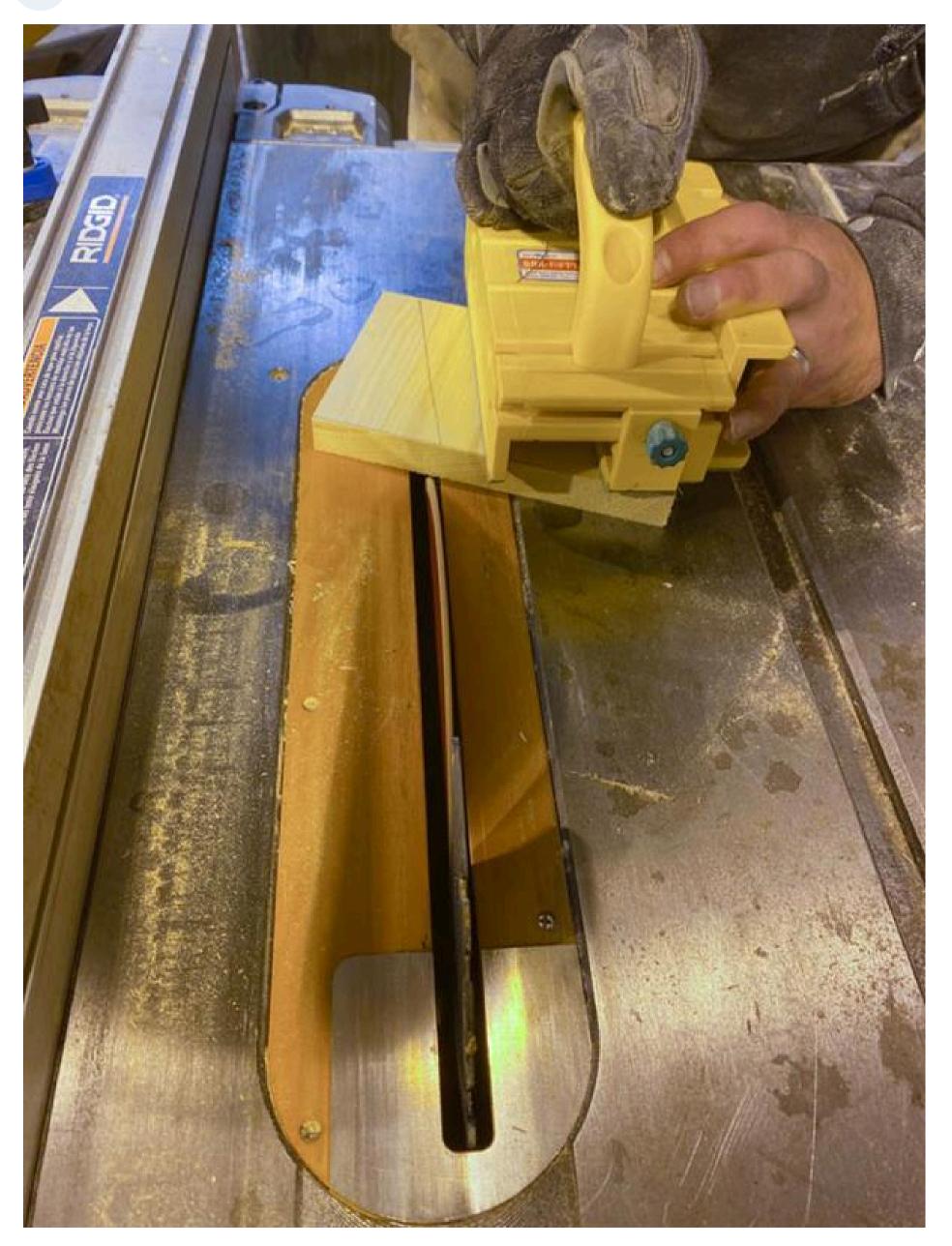






Cut sides

Following the dimensions on the drawings, cut out the side pieces for both shelves (Part C & E)







Sand all pieces

before assembly, lightly sand all pieces. We rounded all the edges in the front lip down to give it a nice smooth finish

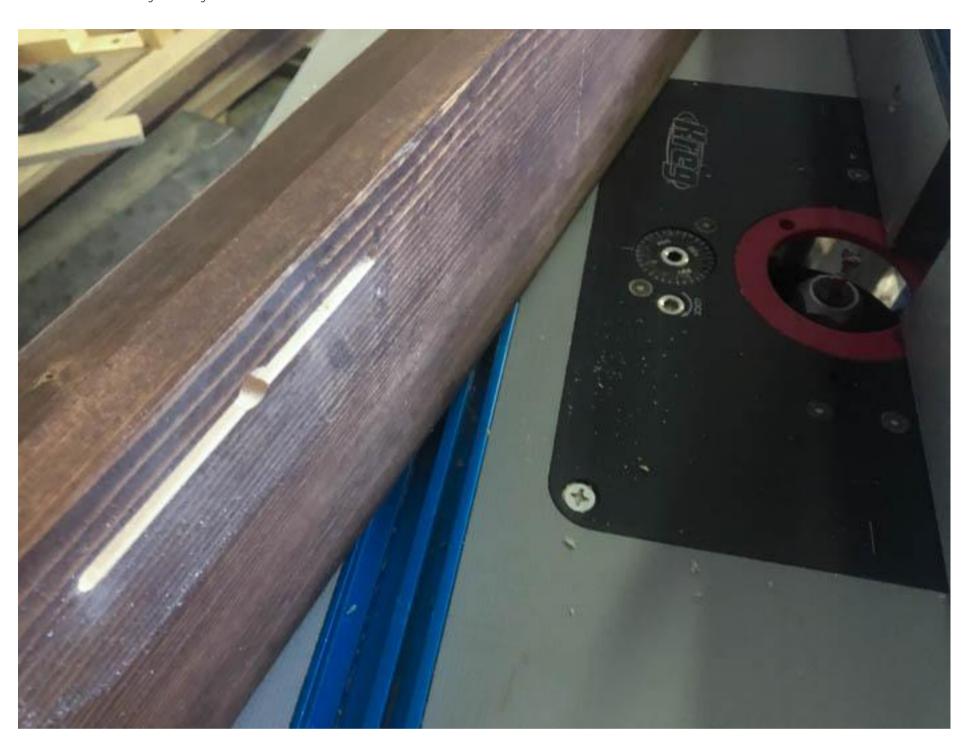






Add Key holes

to hang the shelves on the wall we used key holes. We routed 5" long slots starting 2" in from the ends. Depending on Stud locations you may want to customize this.

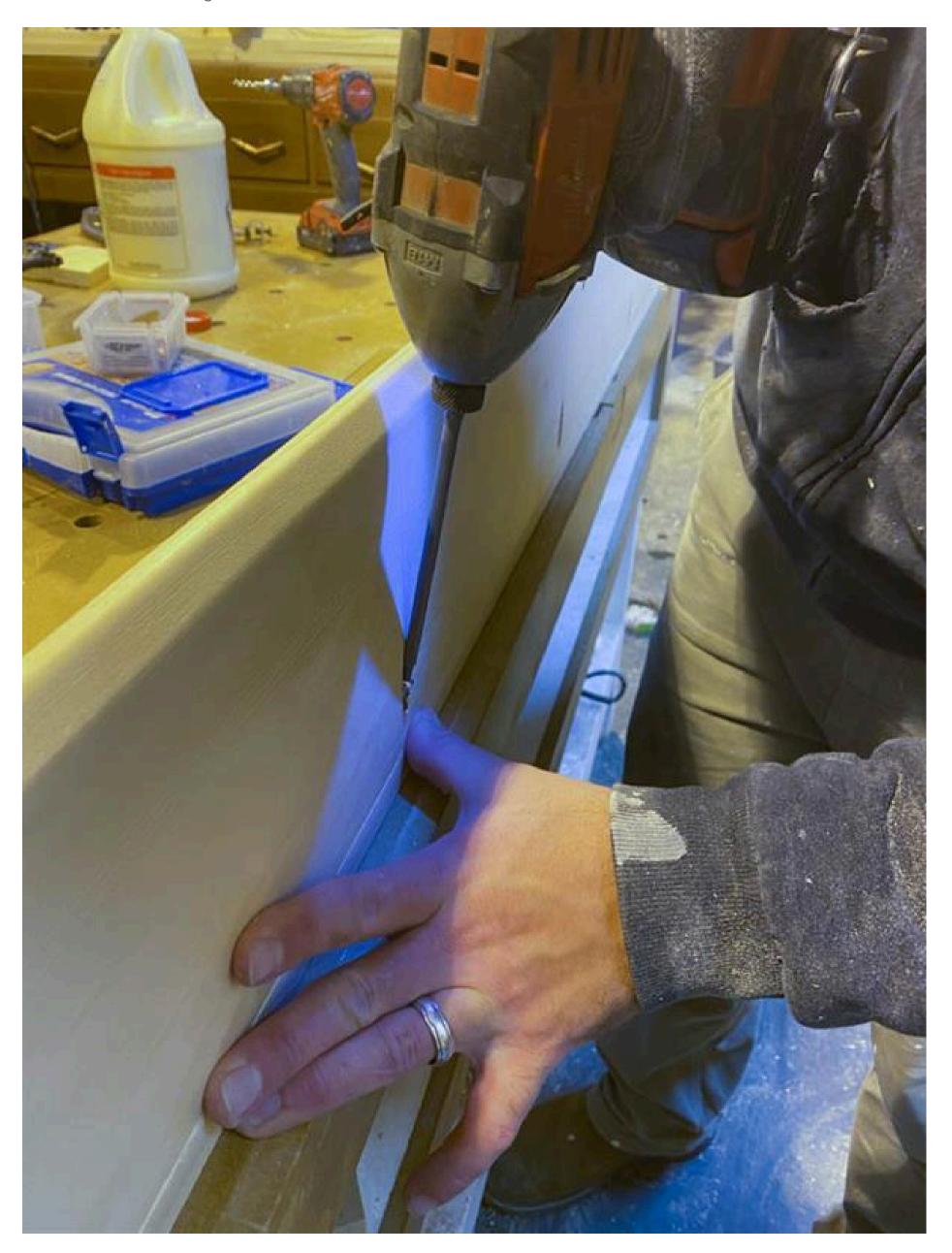






Assemble Back and Bottom

Assemble backs and bottoms of the small and large shelves. We used wood glue and pocket hole screws in the pocket holes to secure together.

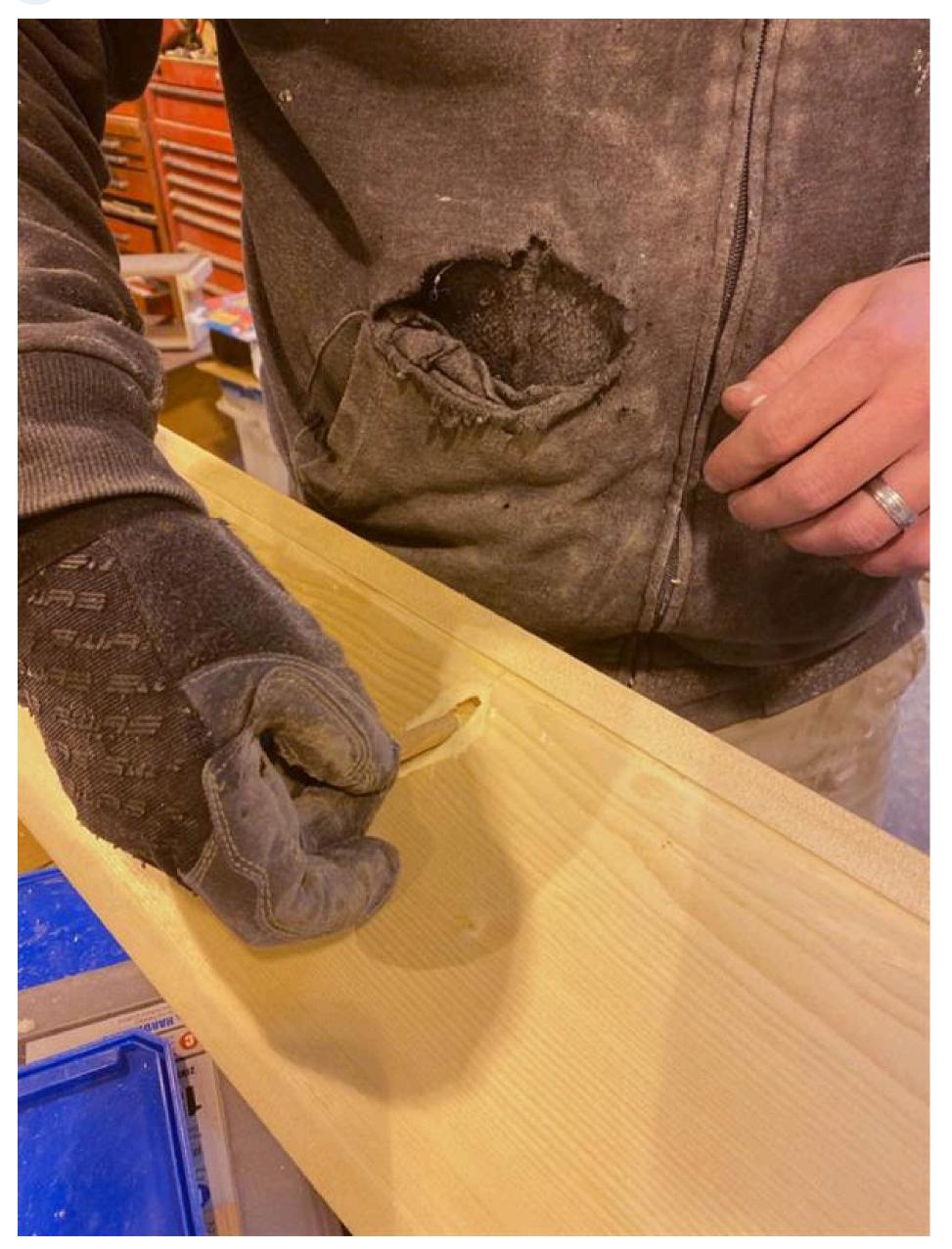






Fill Pocket holes

Using Kreg plugs, we filled all the pocket holes

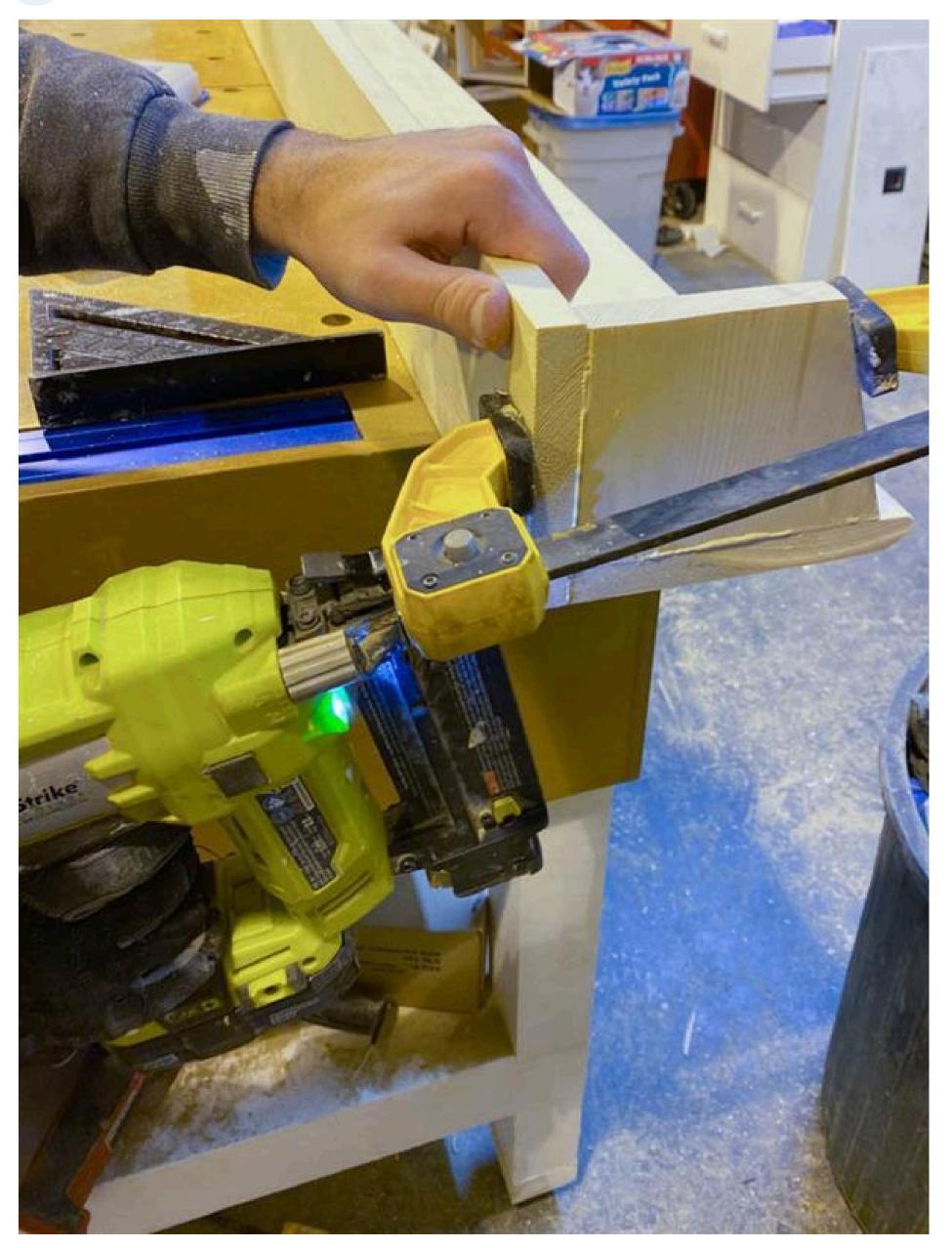






Attach sides

attach the sides to the ends of the shelves as per the drawings. Secure with wood glue and brad nails







Final sand

fill any imperfections/holes with wood filler, let dry, and give the piece a final sand







Stain

Stain and let dry - we used Varathane Dark Walnut Wood Stain

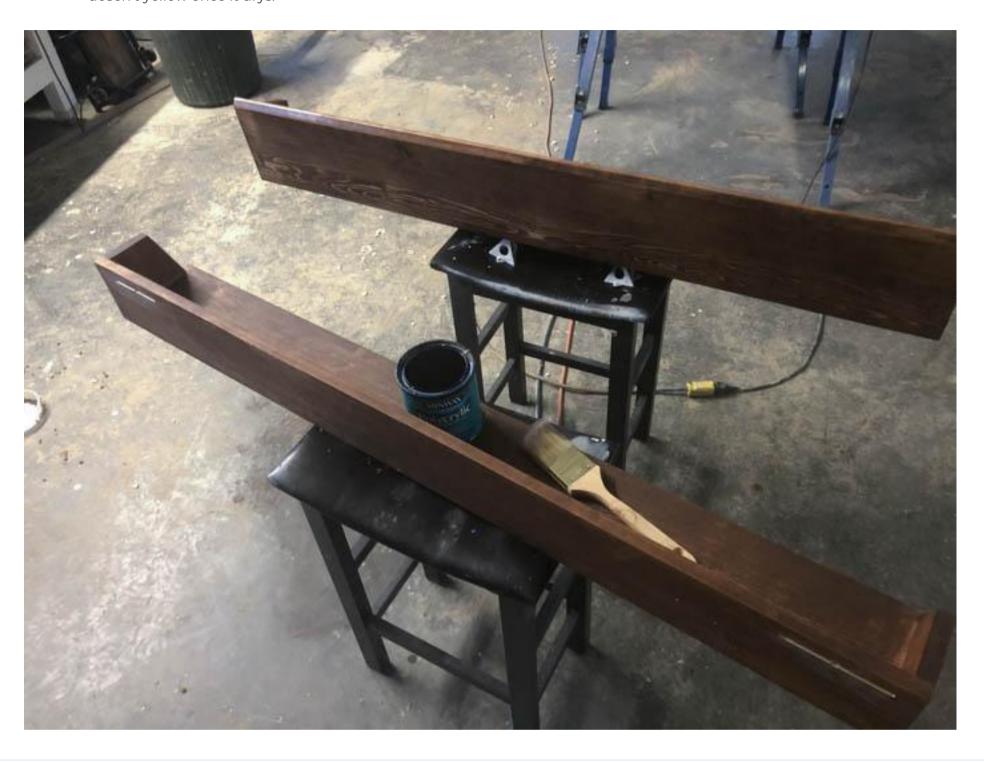






Varnish

once stain drys Varnish the shelves to protect - we used Minwax Clear Matte Latex Polycrylic Finish. We like this finish as it dosen't yellow once it drys.







Mount Shelves

mount your shelves to the wall using your key holes and enjoy!





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