

# Picture Ledge Shelves

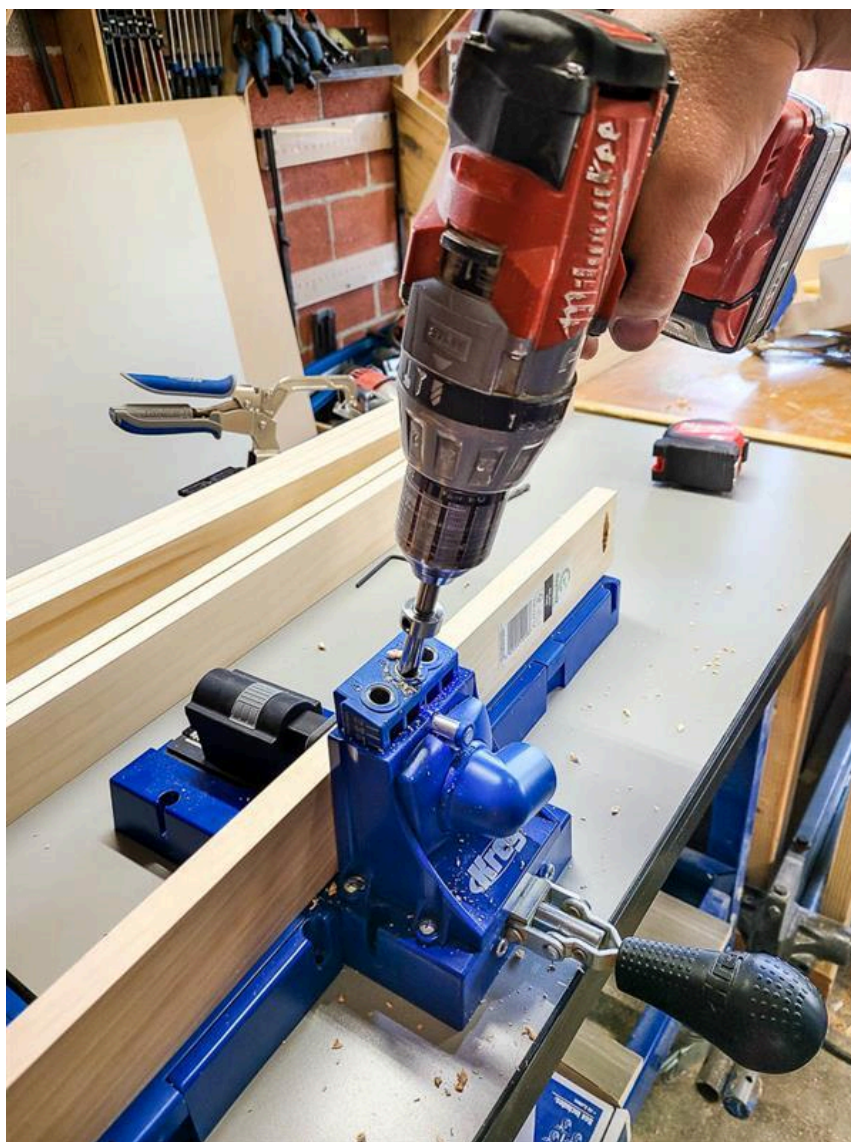
Difficulty

Easy

Build these quick and easy picture ledge shelves using pocket hole joinery to avoid nail holes on the front side. This is a perfect beginner woodworking project and they are very cheap to make. Hang them up in your home in the living room, hallway or bedroom and add some picture frames!







# Tools

## Kreg Tools



## Other Tools

Miter Saw

Tape Measure

Clamps

Nail Gun

Sander

# Materials

## Wood Products

**1** Board , 1x3 , 96"

**1** Board , 1x2 , 48"

## Hardware & Supplies

**5** 1 1/4" Pocket Hole Screws

**1** Wood Glue

**1** Wood Stain

**12** 2" Finish Nails

**5** Pocket Hole Plugs

**1** 80 Grit Sandpaper

**1** 150 Grit Sandpaper

# Cut List & Parts

- 2 Bottom And Back Piece , 3/4" X 2 1/2" X 48"
- 1 Front Piece , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 48"

# Directions

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### **Cut wood.**

Using a miter saw, cut the wood down to size. There are three pieces total for each shelf. Our shelves were designed with a 1x3 piece on the back, 1x3 piece on the bottom and 1x2 on the front side.

Our shelves are 4 feet wide, which fits well in the hallway space that they are going in.

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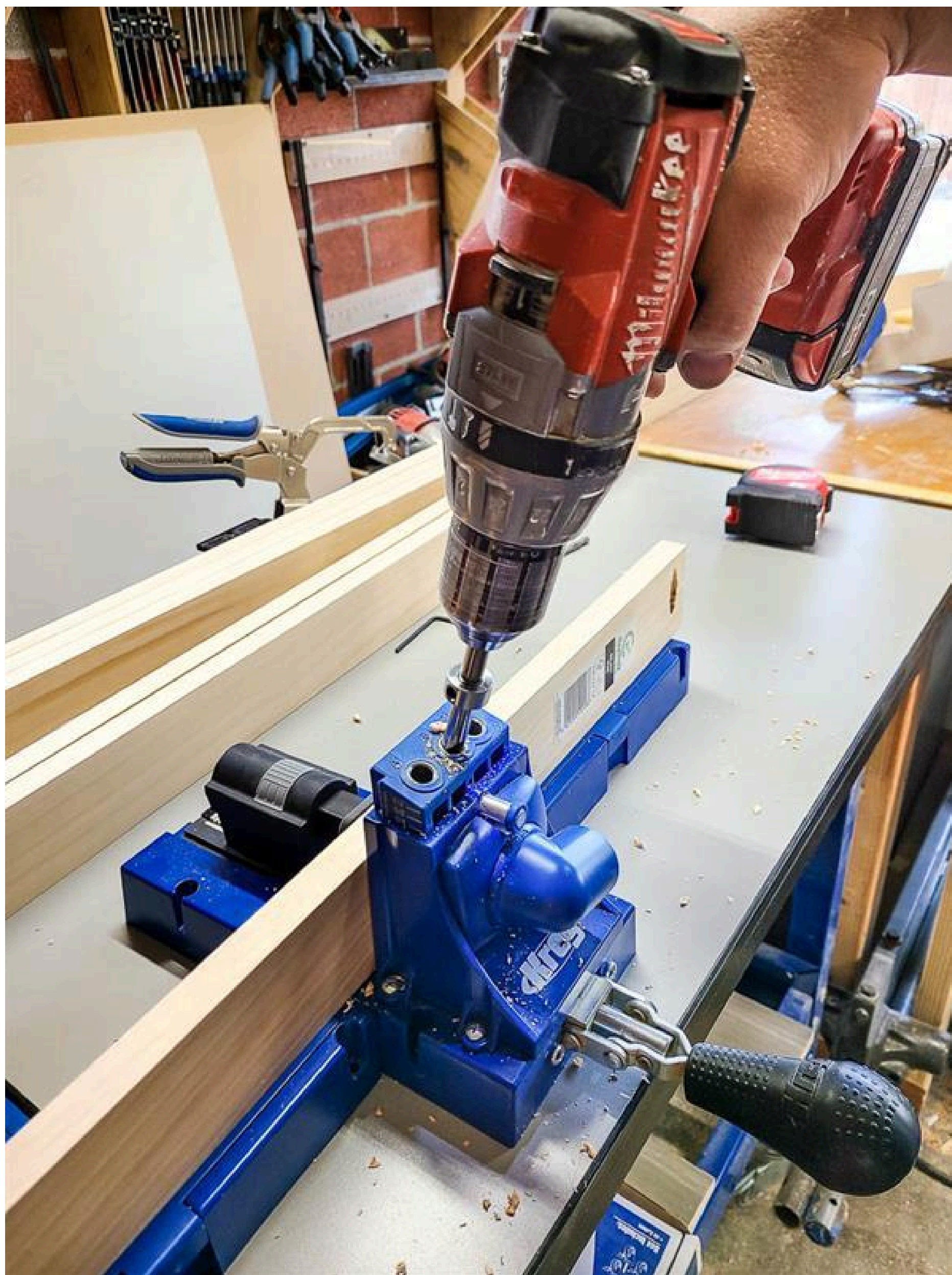
### **Drill pocket holes.**

On the bottom piece of wood (one of the 1x3 pieces) drill 5 pocket holes with a Kreg Jig. We spaced them out 1" from the edges and then 1 foot spacing between each pocket hole.

The pocket hole placement is detailed in the woodworking plans, which can be found in the Extras tab.

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**Attach front.**

Using 1 1/4" pocket hole screws, attach the front piece to the bottom.

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**Attach back.**

Using wood glue and 2" finish nails approximately every 5 inches or so, attach the back piece.

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### Fill pocket holes.

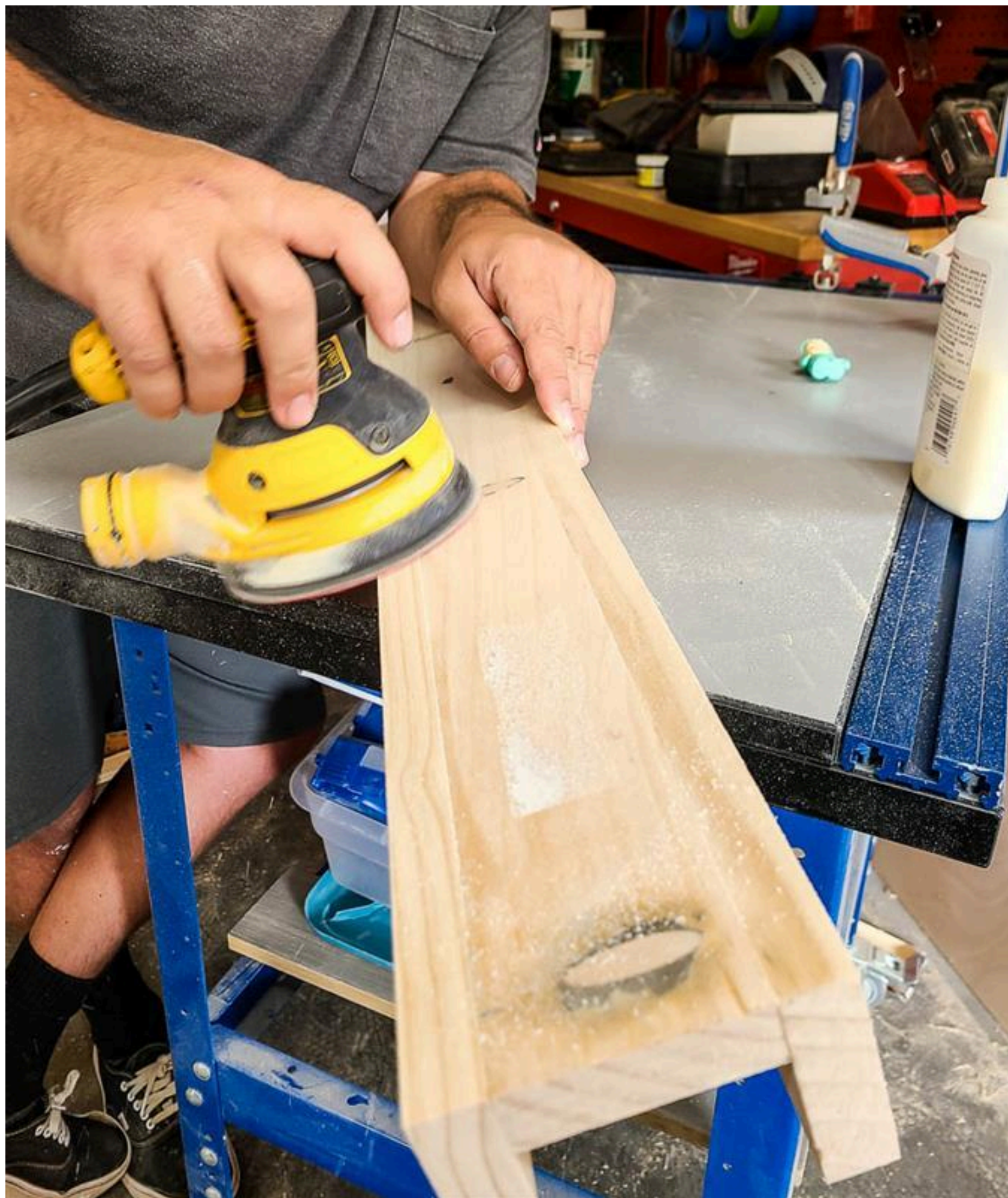
Using pocket hole plugs and wood glue, fill pocket holes for a more finished look.





**6****Sand.**

Sand the entire shelf well with an orbital sander and 80 grit sandpaper for shaping and then with 150 grit for finishing.



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### **Stain.**

With your stain of choice, apply stain on the entire shelf. Alternatively, you could also paint the picture ledge shelves!

We used Dark Walnut stain by Miniwax.

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**Seal.**

Once stain has set in, apply polyurethane over the entire shelf.

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