

Simple Modern Boot Tray

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Difficulty

Easy

Tired of tracking mud, crud and water all over your house, but don't have a designated spot to drop those dirty shoes? With just two boards and an hour of your time, you can build this easy modern boot tray that is not only cute, but will help corral all the water and dirt to keep it off your floor!



Tools

Kreg Tools



[Kreg® Pocket-Hole Jig 720](#)

Other Tools

Miter Saw

Tape Measure

Drill (cordless)

Sander

Materials

Wood Products

1 Board , 1x2 , 96"

1 Board , 1x4 , 96"

Hardware & Supplies

40 1 1/4" Pocket Hole Screws

Cut List & Parts

- 2 Short Frame Sides , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 11 3/4"
- 2 Long Frame Sides , 3/4" X 1 1/2" X 36"
- 8 Bottom Slats , 3/4" X 3 1/2" X 11 3/4"

Directions

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Gather Materials

This project is only a two board project and is very simple. All you need is one 1x2 and one 1x4 board both 8' long. You will also need some 1 1/4" pocket hole screws to assemble. And that's it! Time to get building.



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Cut Pieces to Size

Cut your boards according to the cut list using a miter saw. You will need (2) 1x2 boards 11 3/4" long and (2) 1x2 boards 36" long. Then, cut your 1x4 into (8) 11 3/4" long pieces.



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Assemble Boot Tray Frame

First, assemble the frame of the tray. Using 1 1/4" pocket hole screws, attach the short frame pieces between the 36" long pieces on the ends like shown so that you have a rectangle frame.



4**Attach Bottom Slats**

Next, attach the bottom slats like shown using 1 1/4" pocket hole screws. Make sure the slats are flush to the bottom of the frame and space them about 3/4" apart. You can use a scrap piece of 1x material to help with spacing. Once you get to the last slat, you won't be able to have exactly 3/4" space on each side, but exact measurements here don't matter for this project, so that's okay.



5**Install Moisture Barrier**

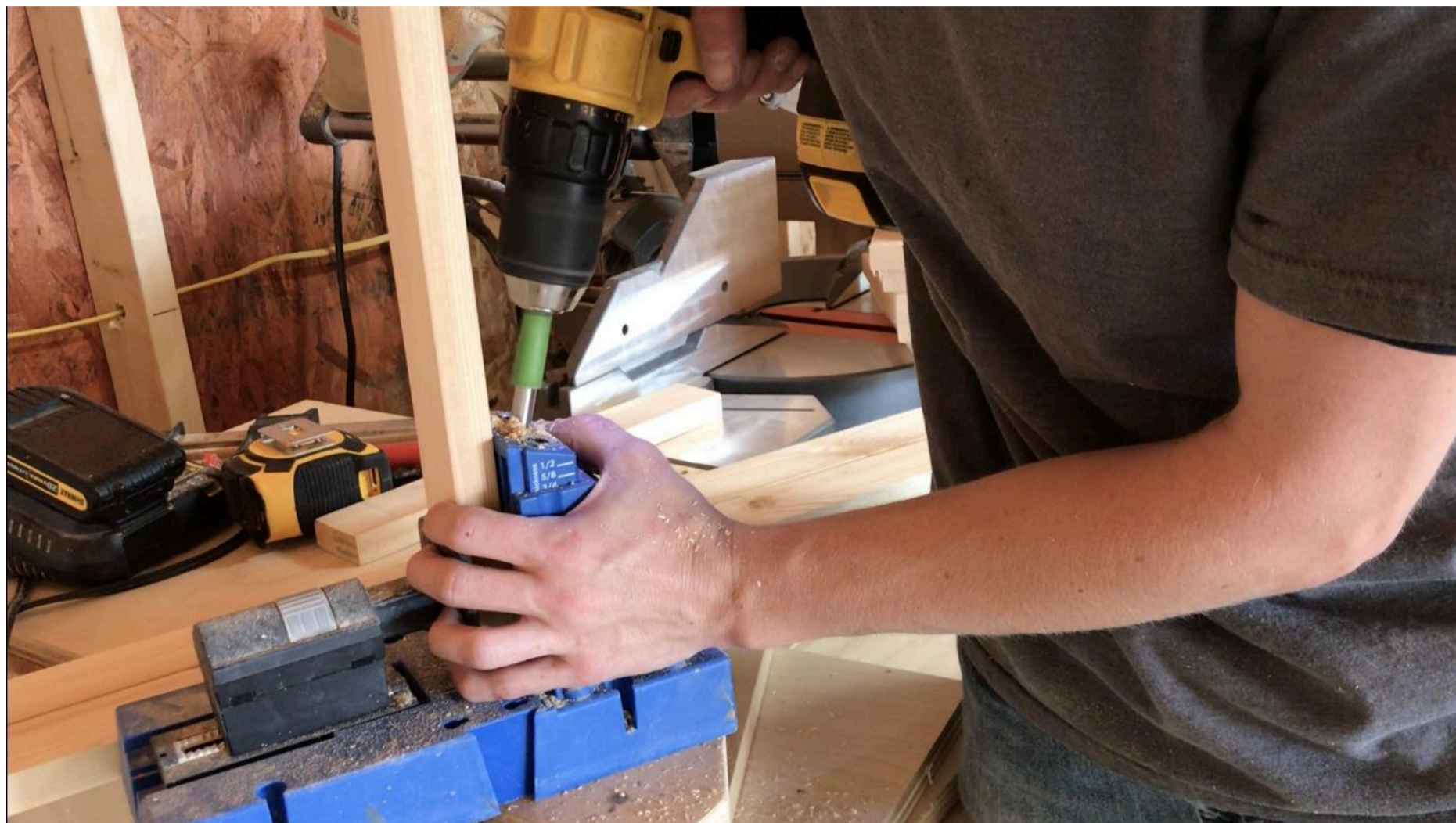
Now that the tray is assembled, it's time to add a little functional decoration :) Because you will probably be placing wet boots on the tray occasionally, you don't want that moisture to seep down onto your floor. To prevent this, place a moisture barrier on top of your slats. I used a piece of tar paper (roofing paper) for this. Simply place the paper onto the tray and fold it to fit snugly into the tray making sure to leave a little lip on the sides to catch any water.



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Drill Pocket Holes

Using a Kreg Pocket Hole Jig, drill 3/4" pocket holes into the ends of the short frame pieces and into both ends of the slat pieces.



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Fill with Rocks

Lastly, fill your tray with decorative landscape rocks. This covers up your moisture barrier, gives it a more decorative look, and helps drain the water off your boots/shoes. Just pour the rocks in and spread them out with your hands.



8**Set in Place**

Set your tray in place where you want it and place your shoes and boots on top. That's it! For a few bucks and an hour of your time, you can create this simple piece that every entryway needs. Check out more details in the YouTube tutorial. The link is in the extras tab ;)

