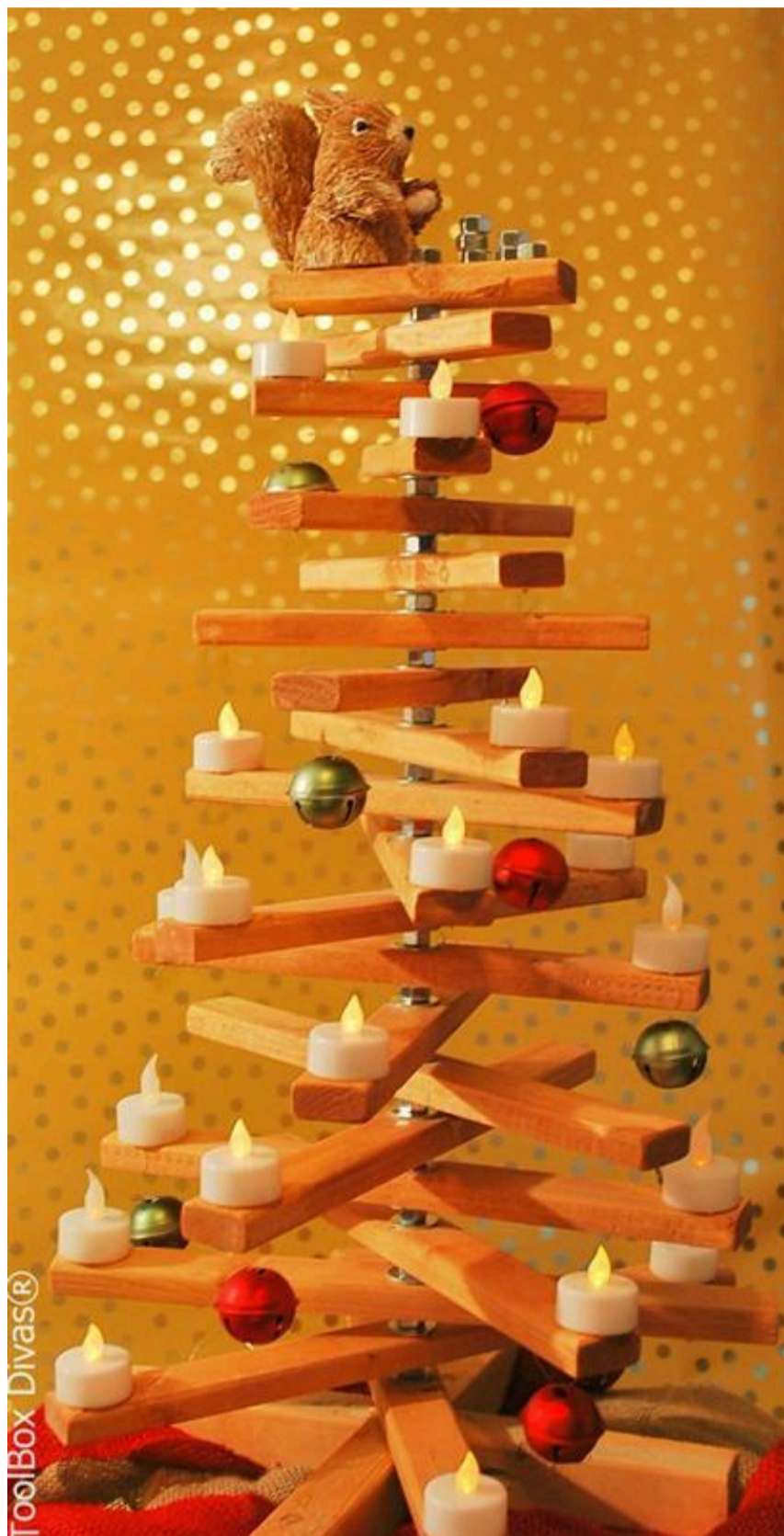


Wooden Christmas Tree

Difficulty

Easy

Who says your Christmas tree has to be traditional. This wooden tree takes industrial and rustic and combines it into a fun and whimsical holiday decorative item. The best part is its perfect for small spaces and clean up is a breeze.



Tools

Other Tools

Miter Saw

Drill (cordless)

Materials

Wood Products

2 Board , 1x2 , 96"

1 Board , 2x2 , 48"

Hardware & Supplies

30 3/8" Washers

50 3/8" Hex Nuts

1 3/8-in Threaded Rod 2 Feet

Cut List & Parts

3 Branches, 1x2

1 Base, 2x2



Directions

1

Prep the wood

Start by sanding and staining the wood.

After you've cut the 1×2 pieces for the branches and the 2×2 for the base of the tree we are ready to get started.

Sand the pieces using a medium followed by a fine sanding paper. The last thing you want is a Christmas tree that gives splinters.

Stain the pieces the color of choice.

To speed up the drying process I spray the stained wood with a clear shellac.



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2

Assemble the Base of the Tree

The base of the tree is made using the 2x2 pieces. Using pocket screws and wood glue attach the two smaller 2x2 pieces to the larger central piece.



3

Center of Tree

Next drill a hole about and inch deep into the center to the base for the insertion of the 3/8-in Threaded Rod

Use a drill bit wide enough to secure fit the all thread without leaving it loose when screwing it down into the base. For additional strength and support use Gorilla Glue on the thread and in the hole.



4

Drill

Allow time for the glue to dry securing all thread into the base of the tree. While its drying drill a hole at the center of each 1x2 branch piece.



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5**Build the Tree**

Now here's where patience comes into play... starting with the largest piece of 1×2 (16-in), place it on the all thread. Follow it with the washer then hex nut then another washer. Repeat with the next largest piece of 1×2 (15 1/2-in.)

Now this process drove me literally insane. I kept thinking I'm glad I didn't get an all thread that was larger than 2 feet. Screw the nut to each section so that the "branch" is snug but still able to be moved by hand.



6**Continue Building the Tree**

I had to take a few breaks so not to cramp my hands.

But once it once I'd finished I celebrated with a huge glass of eggnog (maybe it was spiked...maybe it wasn't). Either way it got the job done.

But move the 1x2 pieces to reflect branches.



7**Dress the Tree**

Dress with your favorite ornaments and flame-less candles and enjoy your tree.....note the word "flame-less" Stay safe this holiday season.

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