

Wooden Christmas Tree Collar

Difficulty

Moderate

Using basic 1x4s, make this simple but chic Christmas tree skirt to add a hand-made wooden vibe to your holiday decor. The angled sides means this won't overwhelm your tree. Customize it to fit any sized tree stand! Add color or stain to personalize even further.





Tools

Kreg Tools

Kreg®
Pocket-
Hole Jig
720

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Other Tools

Miter Saw

Tape Measure

Drill (cordless)

Nail Gun

Air Compressor

Materials

Wood Products

3 Board , 1x3 , 96"

Hardware & Supplies

48 1 1/4" Kreg Pocket Hole Screws

Cut List & Parts

- 4 Bottom Slats , 19"
- 4 Middle Slats , 15 1/2"
- 4 Top Slats , 13"
- 8 Frame Pieces , 11 1/2"

Directions

1

Measure

Measure the dimensions of your Christmas tree stand. The bottom edge of the tree collar will need to accommodate your tree stand. Each side of the tree collar is assembled separately.

When determining the length of each cut, factor in the width of the two boards framing the slats. I.e. if the bottom dimension is 20 inches, each slat will be 15 inches.

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Cut First Slat

Set the miter saw to 22 1/2 inches and make offset cuts on either end of the first slat.



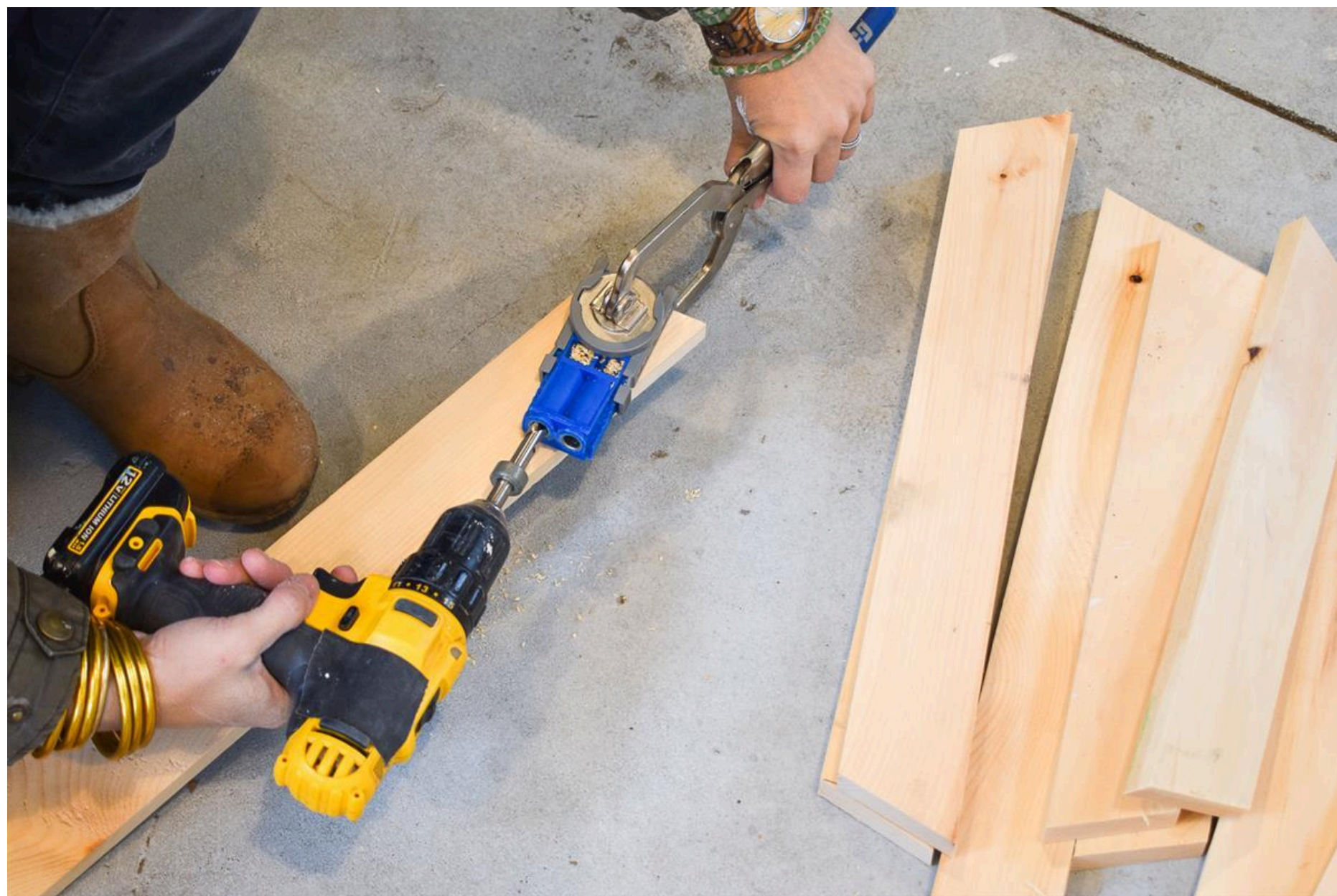
3**Cut Second and Third Slats**

Use a spacer to determine the length of the second and third slats. Make certain the mitered edges are aligned.



4**Drill Pocket Holes**

Using the Kreg Jig, drill a pair of pocket holes at the end of every single slat.



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Cut and Attach Slats

Cut a piece of 1x3 with a 22 1/2 inch mitered edge and aline with the bottom slat. Attach slat with pocket holes.

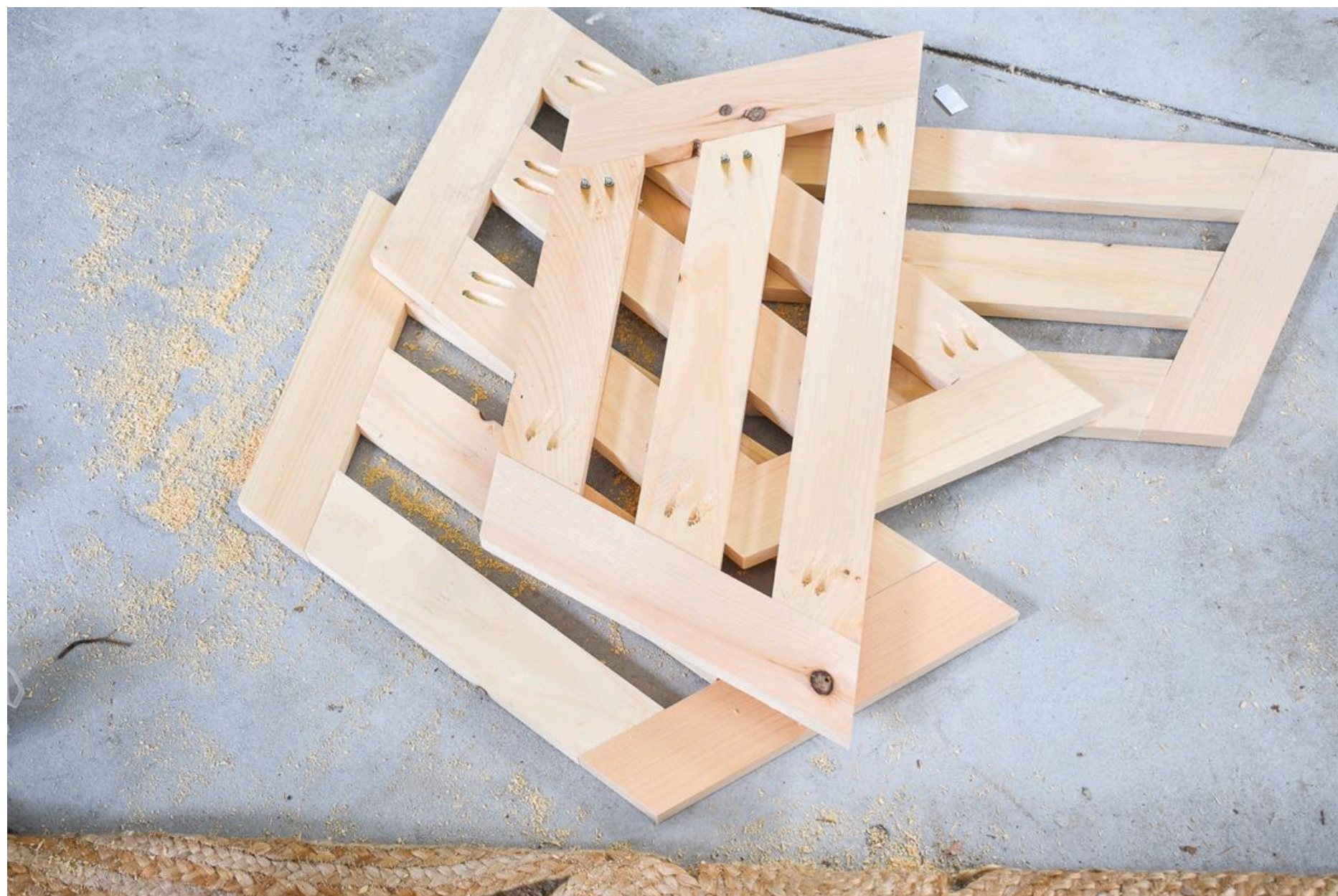
Using the same spacer, line up second slat, and attach with pocket holes. Repeat for the third slat.

Once the third slat has been screwed in place, mark the length of the frame pieces, and cut with a parallel 22 1/2 degree miter cut.



6**Repeat 3 More Times**

Repeat Step 5 three more times until you have 4 trapezoid-shaped sides to the tree collar.



7**Assemble Tree Collar**

Because of the angles involved, the four sides of the tree collar won't sit perfectly flush to each other AND fit together into a perfect square, but they come fairly close.

Use a large box or some other 90 degree angle as a guide. Hold two sides together and use a nail gun and brad nails to secure



8**Add Fill**

Use caulk or wood glue mixed with sawdust to fill in the slight gap that will be left between each side after assembly. Because this is purely a decorative piece, this gap doesn't affect the overall build whatsoever.

