

Tiled Cheese Board

Based on a traditional cutting-board design, this cheese board is light enough to pass around among your guests, but large enough to hold the knife and crackers too! Its hand-selected tile gives it a special flair. Choose a tile color and pattern that please you—ones that will complement your kitchen or dining-room decor.

Materials List

Birch and cherry are recommended for this project.

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| (2) | 3/4" x 3-3/16" x 18" | Birch sides |
| (1) | 3/4" x 3-3/4" x 18" | Cherry center |
| (1) | 6" x 8" | Ceramic tile |

Suggested Tools

Router
1/4" straight bit
3/8" roundover bit
Jigsaw
Try square
36" straightedge
Pipe clamps
Compass
Sander

Hardware & Supplies

Waterproof wood glue
Latex cement adhesive
Masking tape
Food-grade bowl finish

Construction Procedure

1. Spread glue evenly along the edges of each piece, and clamp the sections together with the cherry wood in the center. Use the square or straightedge to check for a level surface before allowing the glue to dry overnight.

2. If necessary, use a table saw to trim the piece to 10" x 18" dimensions. At the center of the board's width, strike a center line lengthwise.

3. Measure in 6-1/2" from one end, and mark a point on the center line. Then, from this point, strike a 6-1/2" radius at the board's end (see Board Layout).

4. On the same end, using the corners as centers, mark two 2" radii that intersect with the arc just made.

5. Mark lines across the board, 3" and 9" from this end.



6. Measure 4" to each side of the center line previously marked, and strike two parallel lines that intersect with the two lines made in Step 5.

7. Using a straight bit in the router, remove the material within the marked 6" x 8" rectangle to a depth of 1/4". Start in the center, and work out toward the edges to prevent the router base from slipping out of square with the wood's surface.

8. On the opposite 10" end, measure in 2" from the sides and end of the board, and mark the two points.

9. Strike a 2" radius at each of these points to form the rounded board's corners.

10. With a jigsaw, cut the board to the shape marked.

11. Use a 3/8" roundover bit in the router to round both sides of all edges.

12. After sanding the wood, cover the tile bed with masking tape.

13. Finish the wood with several coats of food-grade bowl finish.

14. Remove the masking tape, and glue the tile in place with latex cement adhesive. Use a damp cloth to remove any excess glue.