

Napkin Holders

If you associate paper napkins with a lack of style, it's time to change your perspective. After all, it's the napkin holder, not the napkin itself, that draws attention. As well as doing their jobs, these two distinctive projects will add a touch of class to any dining occasion, from picnics to formal indoor luncheons.



Napkin Holder #1

Materials List

Walnut and red or white oak are recommended for this project.

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| (2) | 3/4" x 5-1/4" x 6" | Walnut sides |
| (1) | 3/4" x 3-5/8" x 8-1/2" | Oak base |
| (1) | 1/4", 3/8", 3/4" | Birch dowel plugs |

Suggested Tools

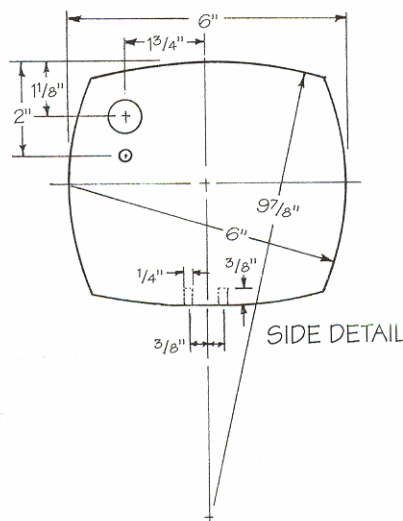
3/8" drill
1/4", 3/8", 3/4" drill bits
Tack hammer
Jigsaw
Router
45° 7/16" chamfer bit
Compass

Hardware & Supplies

Yellow wood glue
16-gauge x 1" brads
Spray lacquer

Construction Procedure

1. On each 6" side piece, first locate the centers. Then mark a straight line across the width and height (see Side Detail).



2. Make two half-circle patterns by striking a 6" and a 9-7/8" radius across two pieces of cardboard. Cut out the patterns with a razor.

3. Transfer the 9-7/8" radius to one 6" edge of each piece, and repeat the process at the opposite 6" edge, but this time allow the pattern board to overlap the wood by 1/16" to create a flat edge at each side piece's bottom.

4. Mark the center of what will be the flat edge on both pieces by continuing the center line from the face of each piece across its edge.

5. On each flat edge, measure 3/8" to each side of the center mark. Then drill a 1/4" hole, 3/8" deep at each of these locations.

6. Transfer the 6" radius to both 5-1/4" edges of each piece.

7. Place each piece flat on a level surface, with its flat edge at the bottom. Next, on both pieces, strike lines 1-3/4" to the left of the vertical center lines. Measuring from the apex of the top curve, mark points 1-1/8" and 2" down along this line on each piece (see Side Detail).

