



Hi there!

Let's make a wooden box/tray together! This is a fun and simple piece to make and it is great as a first-timer's wood project!

Please do not let wood and powers tools intimidate you. If I can do this, so can you!

First of all, let's make sure we have everything we need for this project:

**Supply List:** Nail Gun, 18 gauge 1-1/4" finish nails, Orbital Sander (sandpaper or a sanding block may be used instead of this), Coarse Sandpaper (I used 120 grit), Wood Stain (I used Rustoleum Dark Walnut), T-shirt square to apply stain, Chalk Paint (I like Rustoleum Linen White), Foam Brush to apply paint, Decorative Drawer Pulls and screws (I bought my pulls at Hobby Lobby. They have a great selection of pulls and knobs!), Cordless Screwdriver to attach drawer pulls

Now let's make sure we have the wood that we need:

**Cut List:**

Three 4" X 16" lengths of wood (mine are cut from an inexpensive pine 1" X 4" from Home Depot)

Two 3" X 16" lengths of wood

Two 3" X 8-3/4" lengths of wood (all of the 3" wide pieces are cut from an inexpensive pine 1" X 3" from Home Depot)

**\*\*\*If you don't have a chop saw to make these cuts yourself, Home Depot is very helpful with this. Just ask a salesperson and they will guide you to someone who will cut for you.**

I suggest that you go through both the SUPPLY LIST and the CUT LIST with a pen or pencil and check off what you need to make sure you are prepared when you start. I find it quite frustrating to have to stop in the middle of a project to go to Home Depot and shop.

Also, I am going to encourage you strongly to watch the video prior to starting the tray. If you have never worked with power tools PLEASE WATCH THE SAFETY SECTION of the video. It is near the beginning and it's fairly short. I want you all to enjoy wood working, but I also want to make sure that we keep our fingers attached nicely to our hands. 😊

Now let's move on to making our wood box/tray!

\*\*\*All of the steps are shown visually in the video.

**Step One:** Lay out all of your wood pieces to form the box/tray we are making. Everything should fit fairly well. We can sand down some of the excess wood after the box is nailed together.

**Step Two:** Starting with the four sides of the box, nail the pieces together. Three nails on each side are needed.

**Step Three:** Lay the three long lengths of wood along the bottom of your box sides. Nail these pieces on (two nails at the end of each board and four along the sides).

**Step Four:** Your box is now formed. Get out your sander and sand until the box is fairly smooth. No need for perfection here! Just get the wood to a place where you are happy with it.

**Step Five:** Stain your box by applying your stain with the t-shirt square and wipe off all excess. Let it dry for at least a couple of hours.

**Step Six:** Apply a layer of chalk-paint to your box/tray and let it dry for a couple of hours.

**Step Seven:** Sand as desired to achieve the look you want.

**Step Eight:** Attach the drawer pulls to the sides of the box using your cordless screwdriver.

**YOU ARE DONE!**

Now you can fill your box/tray with goodies and set it out for all to see!

Happy creating!