



YOUR GUIDE TO: DIY BUTCHER BLOCK

TIME

Weekend

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

BUDGET

\$200

MATERIALS

3/4 in plywood base (cut to size)

1/4 in x 2.5 in hardwood boards

1 in x 2 in hardwood trim

Orbital sander

Sandpaper of varying grit

Miter saw or chop saw

Wood glue

Nail gun and nails

Woodfill

Stain/paint of your choice

Polyurethane

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut your plywood based own to size. It should be 1.5" shorter and skinnier than the final counter, to account for the trim.

2. Cut 45° angles on one end of all of your 1/4in x 2.5 in hardwood boards.

3. Mark the center point on your plywood base and draw a line down the center length-wise and width-wise.

4. Line up the first quadrant of the counter, lining up the 45° angles of the boards along the center lines.

5. After you've laid out your boards, carefully go underneath the plywood and mark where you need to cut the boards to be flush with the edge of the base. Cut boards to length.

6. Apply wood glue to the back of your first board. Line it up with the center lines and nail it in place with your brad nailer. Repeat until the entire quadrant is attached.

7. Repeat steps 4-6 until the entire plywood base is covered in boards. The pattern of the 4 quadrants should be moving away from one another to create an X in the center.

8. Fill the nail holes with woodfill and sand. Move from 80 grit to 120 to 220.

9. Cut your trim down to length. Sand the edges and attach with wood glue and the brad nailer.

10. Stain or paint and seal with your choice of poly!