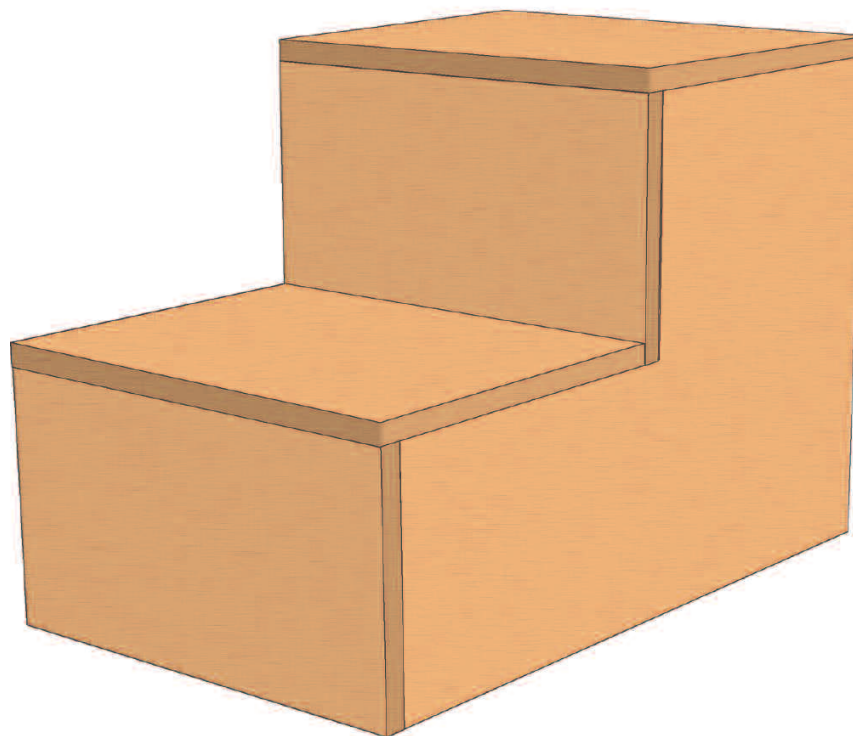


How to Build a MOUNTING BLOCK



Ease aboard your horse with a homemade mounting block.

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Up! Step

REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN YOU'D GET A RUNNING START, GRAB the saddle horn, take an acrobatic leap and somehow land perfectly and safely aboard your horse without so much as straining a finger?

Yeah, those days are gone, and we could all use a little help for the big climb.

So, test your woodworking and creative skills by creating your own homemade helping hand that's sure to get you where you want to be – atop your American Quarter Horse.

Supply List:

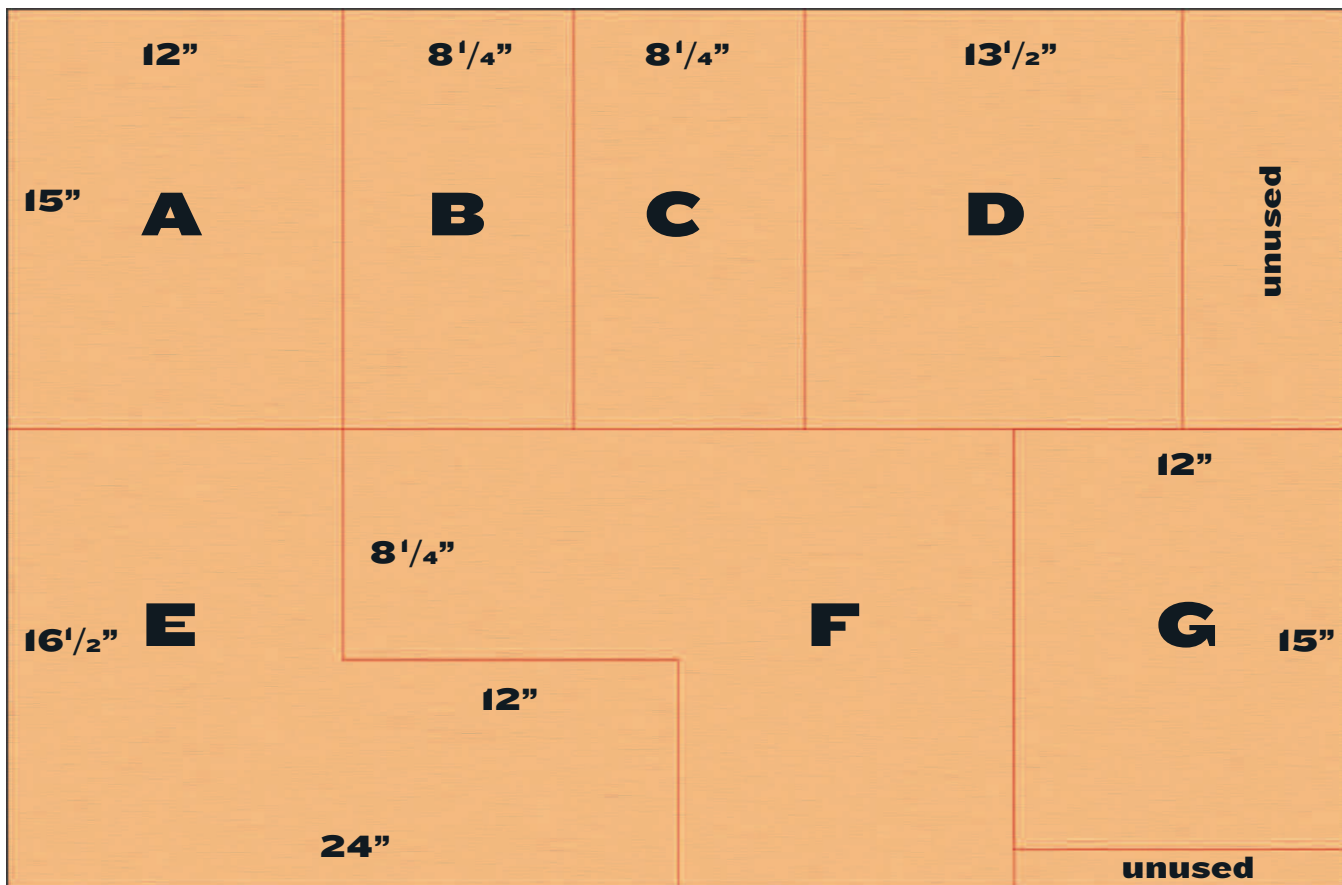
- One half sheet 3/4-inch plywood
- Saw (table saw, jig saw, circular saw)
- #8 box nails
- Wood glue
- Safety goggles and gloves

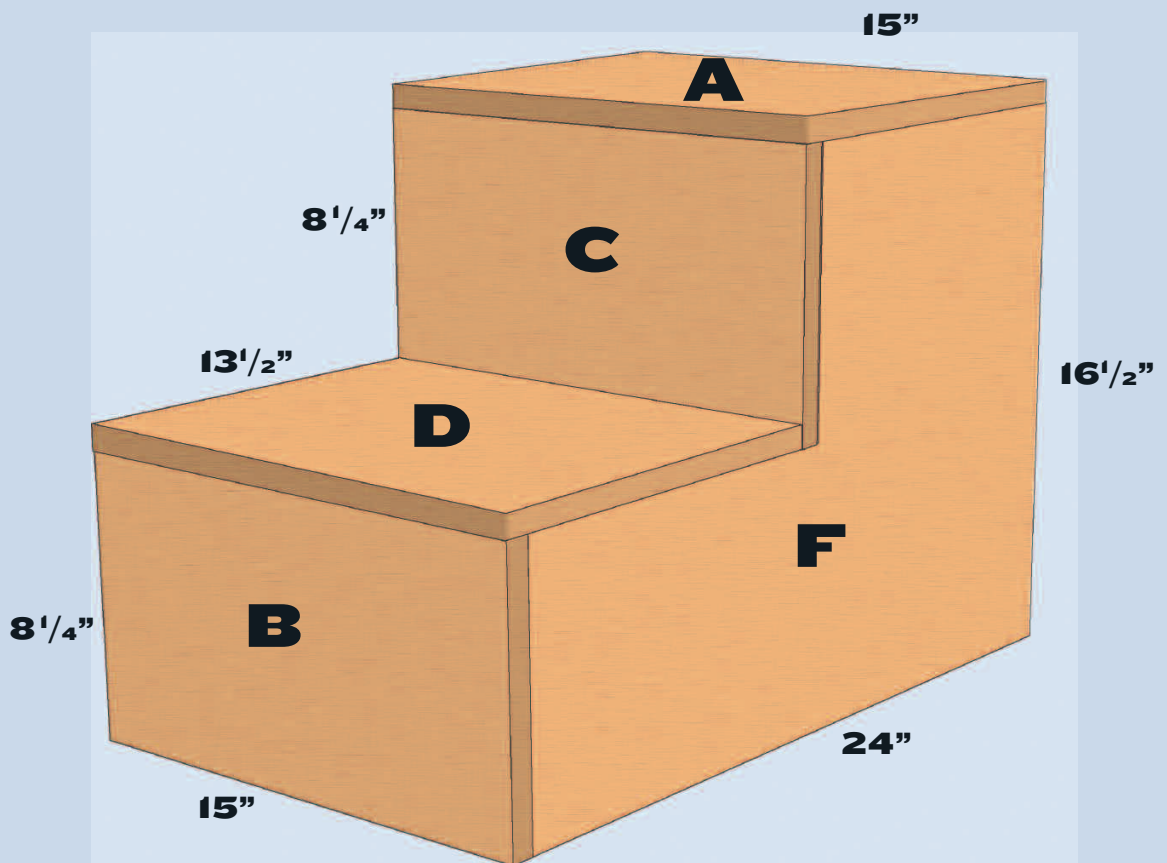
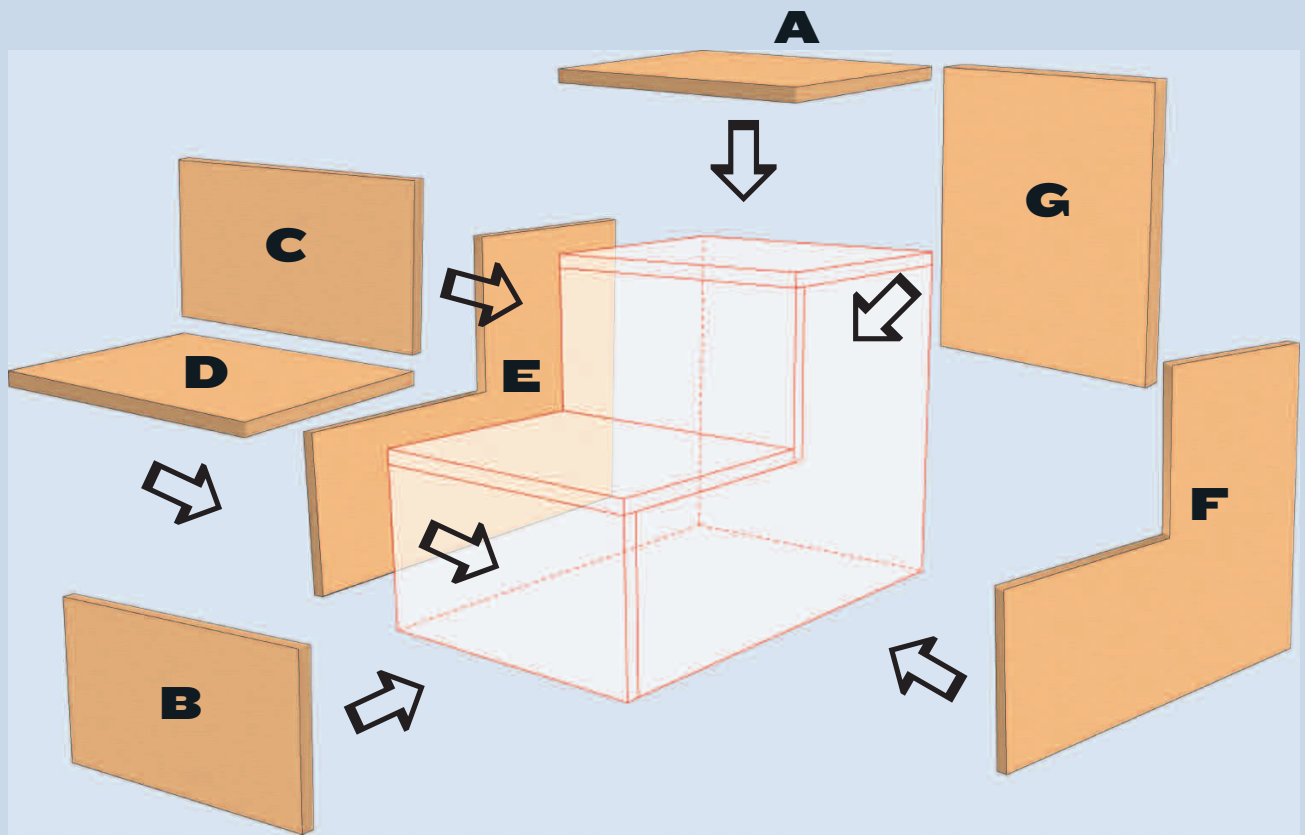
Mounting Block Construction:

1. USING A RULER AND PENCIL, DRAW THE CUTTING MEASUREMENTS onto the half sheet of plywood. (You won't use the entire sheet.)
2. Wearing your safety goggles and gloves, carefully saw out each piece.
3. Join each piece, according to the diagram, by running a ribbon of glue along the joints, then nailing.
4. Add your creative touch. Paint the block your favorite colors, then add your barn's logo, your horse's name or your favorite horsey scenes. 🐾

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