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Breakfast Tray

If you're a pushover for lazy weekend mornings in bed, you'll love this generously sized breakfast tray. It's large enough for a newspaper, a pot of coffee, and a plate of delectable goodies. For fun, we decoupled color copies of breakfast plates and The Wall Street Journal on the tray. It's way too cute!



Materials

- 2' x 4' sheet of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood
- 7 linear feet of 1 x 3 pine
- 1 linear feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ "-wide rope molding

Hardware

- 2-, 2" finish nails
- 6, 1-5/8" wood screws
- 4, 1" finish nails

Cutting List

Code	Description	Qty.	Materials	Dimensions
A	Tray Stands	2	$\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood	12" x 13"
B	Tray Top	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood	24" x 13"
C	Long Tray Sides	2	1 x 3 pine	24" long
D	Short Tray Sides	2	1 x 3 pine	14-1/3" long
E	Stand Trims	4	$\frac{3}{4}$ "-wide rope molding	11-1/4" long

Making the Tray

1. Cut two Tray Stands (A) from $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, each measuring 12 x 13 inches.
2. Cut one Tray Top (B) from $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, measuring 24 x 13 inches.

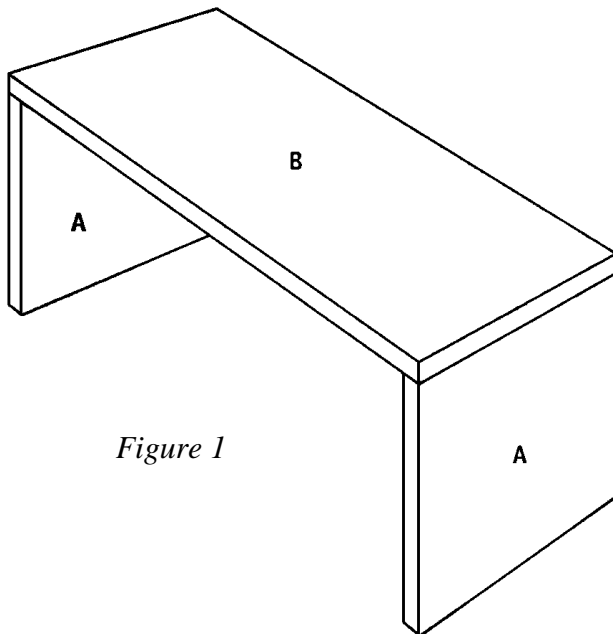


Figure 1

3. Using *Figure 1* as a guide, place the two Tray Stands (A) on edge 22-1/2" apart with the 13-inch edge at the top. Place the Tray Top (B) over the ends of the Tray Stands (A). Apply glue to the meeting surfaces, and nail through the face of the Tray Top (B) into the edges of the Tray Stands (A) using four 2-inch nails.
4. Cut two Long Tray Sides (C) from 1 x 3 pine, each measuring 24 inches.
5. Place the Long Tray Sides (C) over the 24-inch edges of the Tray Top (B). The Long Tray Sides (C) will

extend one inch above and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the Tray Top (B), as shown in *Figure 2*. Apply glue to the meeting surfaces, and nail through the Long Tray Sides (C) into the edge of the Tray Top (B), using 2-inch nails spaced 5 inches apart.

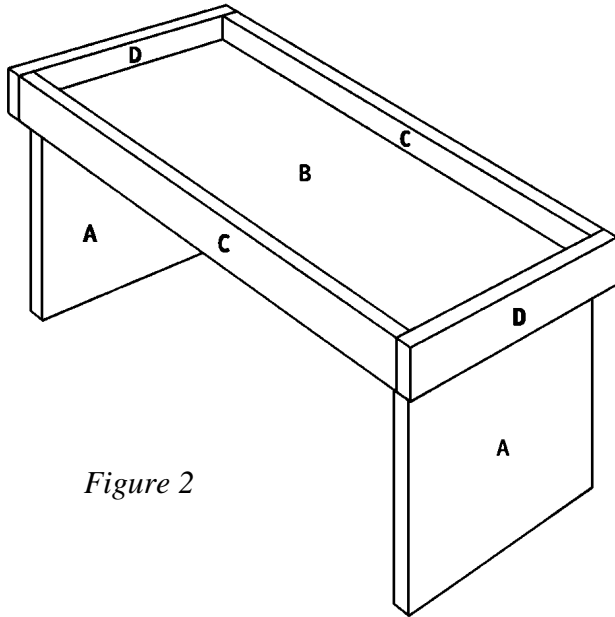


Figure 2

6. Cut two Short Tray Sides (D) from 1 x 3 pine each measuring 14-1/2" inches.
7. Place the two Short Tray Sides (D) over the ends of the Tray Top (B), as shown in *Figure 2*. Apply glue to the meeting surfaces, and nail through the Short Tray Sides (D) into the edges of the Tray Top (B) using four 2-inch nails.
8. Using three 1-5/8" screws on each side, screw through the Short Tray Sides (D) into the Tray Stands (A). This will give added support to the Tray Stands (A).

Adding the Trim

1. Cut four Stand Trims (E) from $\frac{3}{4}$ "-wide rope molding, each measuring 11-1/4 inches.
2. Place the Stand Trims (E) over the exposed plywood edges of the Tray Stands (A). Apply glue to the meeting surfaces. Nail through the Stand Trims (E) into the Tray Stands (A) using four 1-inch nails.



Finishing

1. Fill all cracks, crevices, and nail holes with wood filler.
2. Thoroughly sand the completed breakfast tray.
3. Paint or stain the tray the color of your choice.
4. After our paint dried, we added a little whimsy to our breakfast tray. We went to a color copy store and copied a place, butter knife, napkin, and cup and saucer; then we cut out the copies and decoupaged newsprint and the color copies to the top of the tray. The finished project was then sealed with a coat of polyurethane.

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