

DRESSER TO BENCH

EYES FOR THE JOB- EPISODE 207.2

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MATERIALS NEEDED

Lowboy dresser
5 feet of 1x4 pine for ledger
10 feet of 1 ½"x3 clear pine for cushion frame
1 ¼" screws to attach front and back ledgers
1 ½" screws to attach side ledgers
Glue to attach framework to bench top
Thick foam for cushion
Fabric for cushion
Paint and finish

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STEP BY STEP BUILD PLAN

1. Remove all drawers from the dresser and put aside, keeping the two bottom drawers.
 - a. Remove the handles from the two bottom drawers and make sure to keep them.
2. Remove the top piece of the dresser
 - a. Drill out plugs to find screws
 - b. Remove the screws
 - c. Once the screws are removed, save the top piece for later installation. This will be the seat of the bench.
3. Cut the dresser
 - a. Transfer a line around both sides and the back side and score with a knife to eliminate splintering.
 - b. Cut with a skill saw
 - c. Discard the top half of the dresser
4. Build a ledger for the inside of the bench
 - a. Rip 4 pieces of $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ ". 2 pieces should match the length of the dresser and 2 pieces should match the depth.
 - b. Attach the ledger pieces so they are flush with the top cut edge of the bench base
5. Build cushion framework
 - a. Cut 3 pieces of $\frac{1}{2}$ " pine to a size that fits inside the top portion of the bench.
 - b. Use a bandsaw to put a decorative scroll on the top edge of the cushion framework.
6. Attach the cushion framework. Line it up with the existing holes on the seat piece.
 - a. Spread glue on the underside of the framework pieces.

- b. Screw from the bottom up into the cushion framework pieces.
7. Attach the top portion of the bench into the bottom portion of the bench
 - a. Predrill 5 holes in the front and back of the ledger, and 3 in each side of the ledger. Holes should be spread out equally.
 - b. Place the bench seat on framework. Ensure the bench seat is overhanging the same distance on 2 sides and is flush with the back. The front will have an overhand. Screw the bench seat using 1 ½" screws from the bottom up into existing predrilled holes in the ledger.
8. Paint and finish the bench however you'd like.
9. Make a cushion
 - a. Cut a piece of foam to fit inside the cushion framework.
 - b. Wrap in fabric and sew shut