

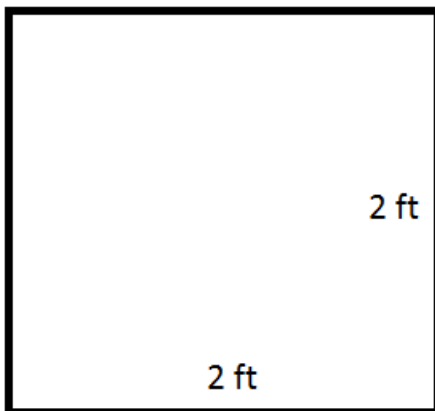
How to make a folding grooming table

Materials

- Circular saw or hand saw
- Mitre saw or hand saw with mitre box
- Drill
- Nail gun or finish nails and hammer
- 2 inch Trim molding, or baseboard
- 3/8 inch Plywood (2 foot square)
- Piece of carpet or rubber matting
- 1X2 strips of a Hardwood (1 10' strip or 2 6' pieces)
- Stain, paint or polyurethane
- Paintbrushes

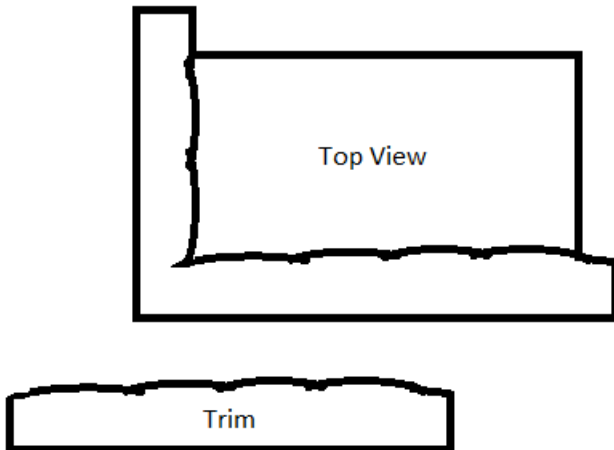
Step 1

First, gather the necessary tools and clear an area to work in. Begin by cutting the wood for the bottom of the grooming table box. This is the box that will hold the rabbit and sit on top of the legs. A good size is 2 feet by 2 feet. This allows enough room for equipment and larger rabbits. Roughly sand the edges once the two by two square is cut.



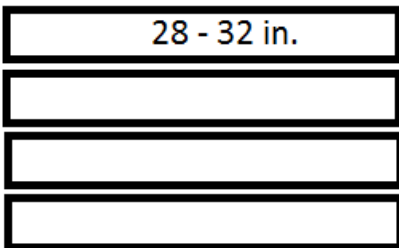
Step 2

The sides of the box can be simply plain trim wood or, for a more decorative piece, engraved trim pieces can be purchased in a variety of designs. To cut the trim for the sides of the box, use a mitre saw for a more finished, angled corners. If you are not using power tools, the use of a mitre box and hand saw can accomplish this same technique. Cut each side (four) to two feet long to go around the sides of the bottom piece of lumber. Attach the trim with finish nails using a hammer or nail gun.



Step 3

Next cut out the legs, which should be no smaller than 1 inch x 2 inches. The length of these pieces should be cut to accommodate the user. About 28 to 32 inches is a good height. Four pieces will be cut, two legs for each side of the grooming table.

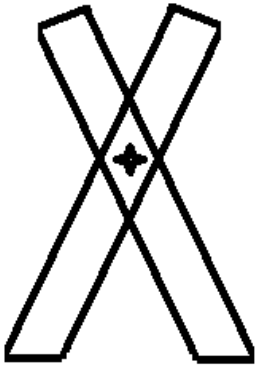


On each end of the leg pieces, cut at a 45 degree angle using the mitre or box saw. This will allow the legs to sit firmly on the floor.

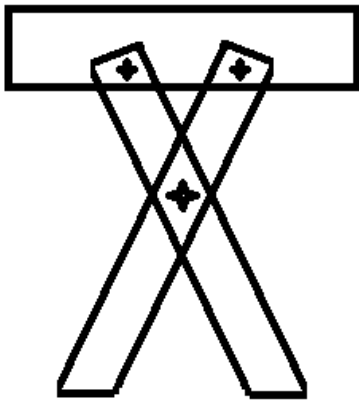


Step 4

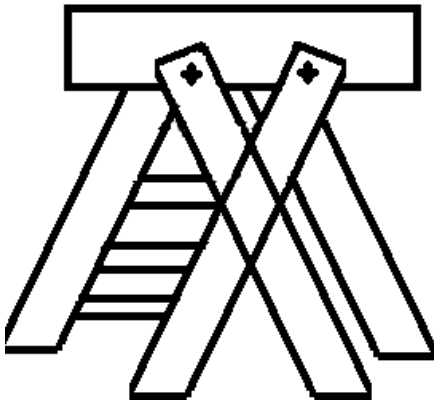
Attach two legs to each other by crossing them into an X pattern and nailing or screwing together.



Then, attach them to the left side of the table.



Repeat with the other two legs and attach them to the right side. This will allow the table to fold, while also creating a sturdier table.



Next, using the same type of lumber used for the legs, attach a piece of lumber across the front and back, attaching the two sets of legs. This adds stability to the table.

Step 5

The last step to building your new grooming table is to finish the wood. You can stain, paint or simply apply a polyurethane to the wood to protect it from moisture and other elements. Finally, lay the piece of rubber mat or carpet square in the box. This will protect the rabbit's feet as well as the wood of your new grooming table.



You could always enhance your grooming table with accessories such as making a latch both on the side to store brushes and other grooming supplies.