



The BEGINNER BUILDER'S BOOK BOX

This is a surprisingly simple building project and is recommended for ages 4+ with adult help and supervision. The final book box will be heavy, sturdy, durable and a great place to store binders, books and workbooks for school!

MATERIALS:

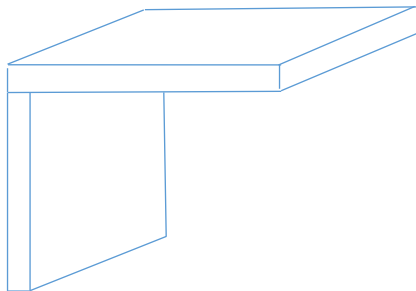
- ONE board that measures 1" by 12" x 6' from Home Depot. (\$15.97 each)
Note: While the store will say it's 1 inch thick, the board actually measures $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Also, while it says 12" wide. Sometimes it measures 11"**.
 - Have an employee cut the 6 foot long board into 4 pieces that are 10" long and 1 piece that is 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. (You'll have some wood leftover.)

10"	10"	10"	10"	13.5"	Leftover wood
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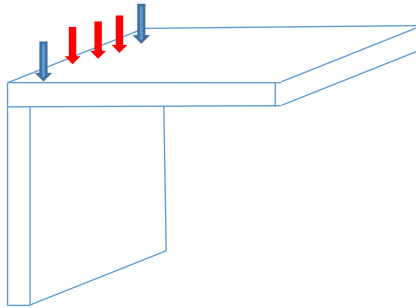
- A box of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " finishing nails (\$1.95 each)
- A smaller light weight hammer (\$4.73 each)

INSTRUCTIONS:

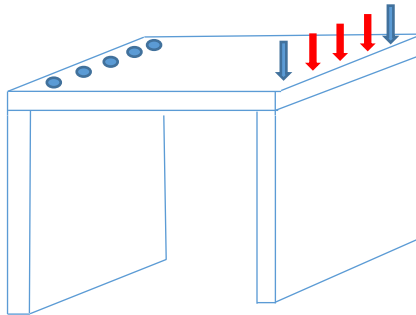
1. This is the hardest step. Take one 12" x 10" piece and stand it up vertically. Take another 12" by 10" piece and line it up so that the edge rests on the top of the 1st board. Have the child hold the top horizontal board steadily so that it's lined up and resting on the vertical board.



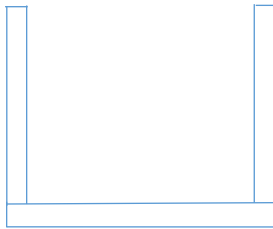
2. Hammer in one nail on each corner (blue). Once the first two nails are in, the adult can hold the top board steadily while the child hammers in the remaining nails (red) along the edge. The child can add 5-10 nails.



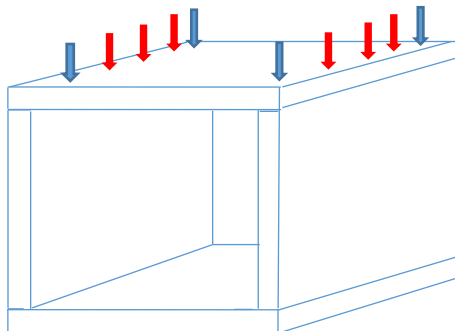
3. Take another 12" x 10" board. Place it under the top board vertically. Line it up along the edge of the top board. Hammer in one nail on each corner (blue). Have the child hammer in 5-10 more along the edge (red).



4. Turn the structure over so that one side is flat on the floor and two sides are standing up vertically.

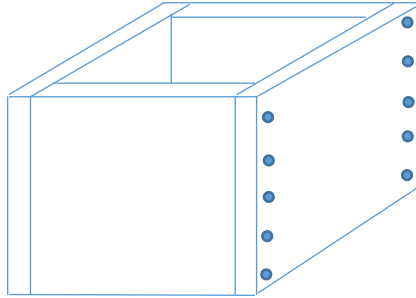


5. Rest the 4th piece of wood that is 12" x 10" on top of the two vertical boards. Hammer nails into the 2 corners on the left and the 2 corners on the right (blue). Have the child hammer in 5-10 more nails along each side (red).

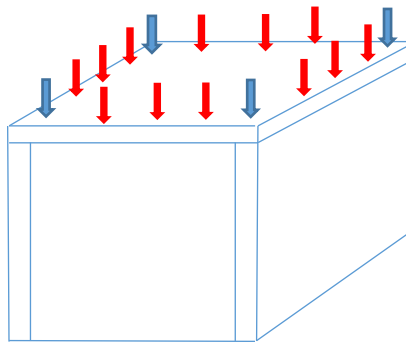




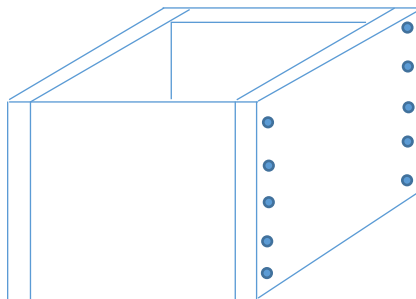
6. Turn the box so that one opening is sitting on the floor and the other opening is face up.



7. Place the 12" x 13.5" board on top of the opening. Line it up so that the edges and corners all match. Hammer in one nail into each corner (blue). Have the child hammer in 5-10 more nails along each edge (red).



8. Now, turn the book box right side up. Done! You can leave it as is or have the child paint it.



****NOTE:** Occasionally the piece of wood is not a complete 12" wide as indicated. If yours is the case, you may have a small section of extra wood at the bottom of the box (on one side only). You can have your child write his/her name on that extra section of wood if you'd like.