

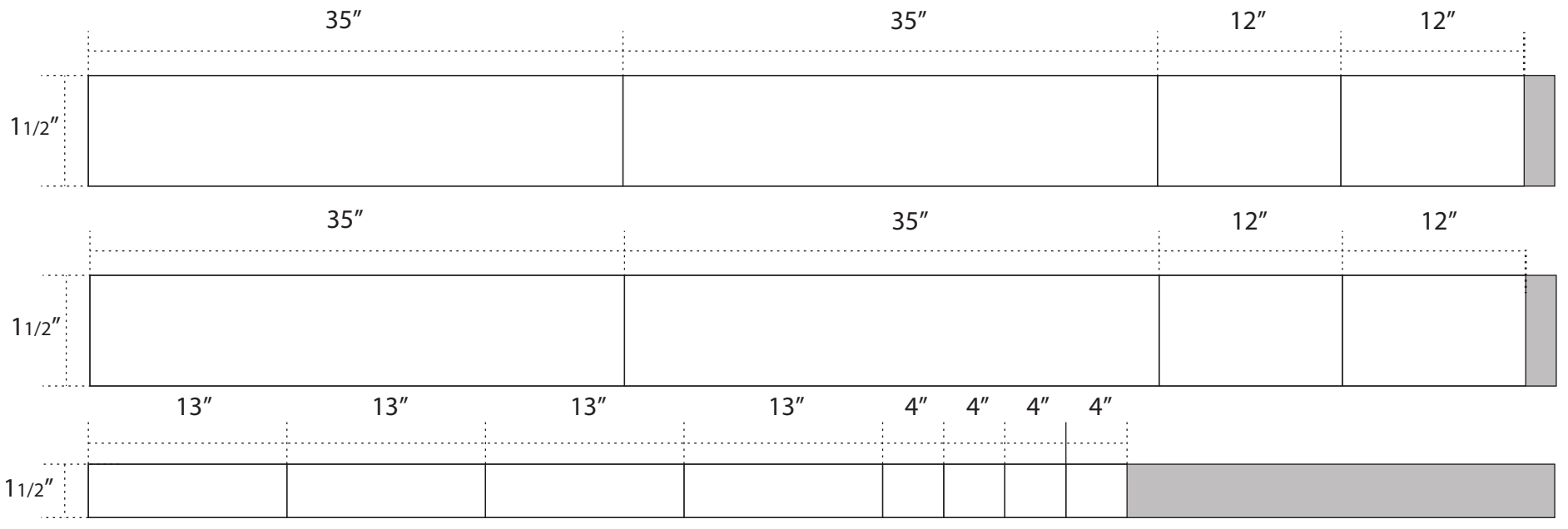
DIY STORAGE BENCH + LEATHER CUSHION

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A modern DIY storage box made from 2x8s with an addition of a cushion top. Go to the HomeMade Modern YouTube channel to watch Jamie make this storage box!

STEP 1. CUT LUMBER

I used my compound miter saw to cross cut the 2x8s and 2x4s to length.

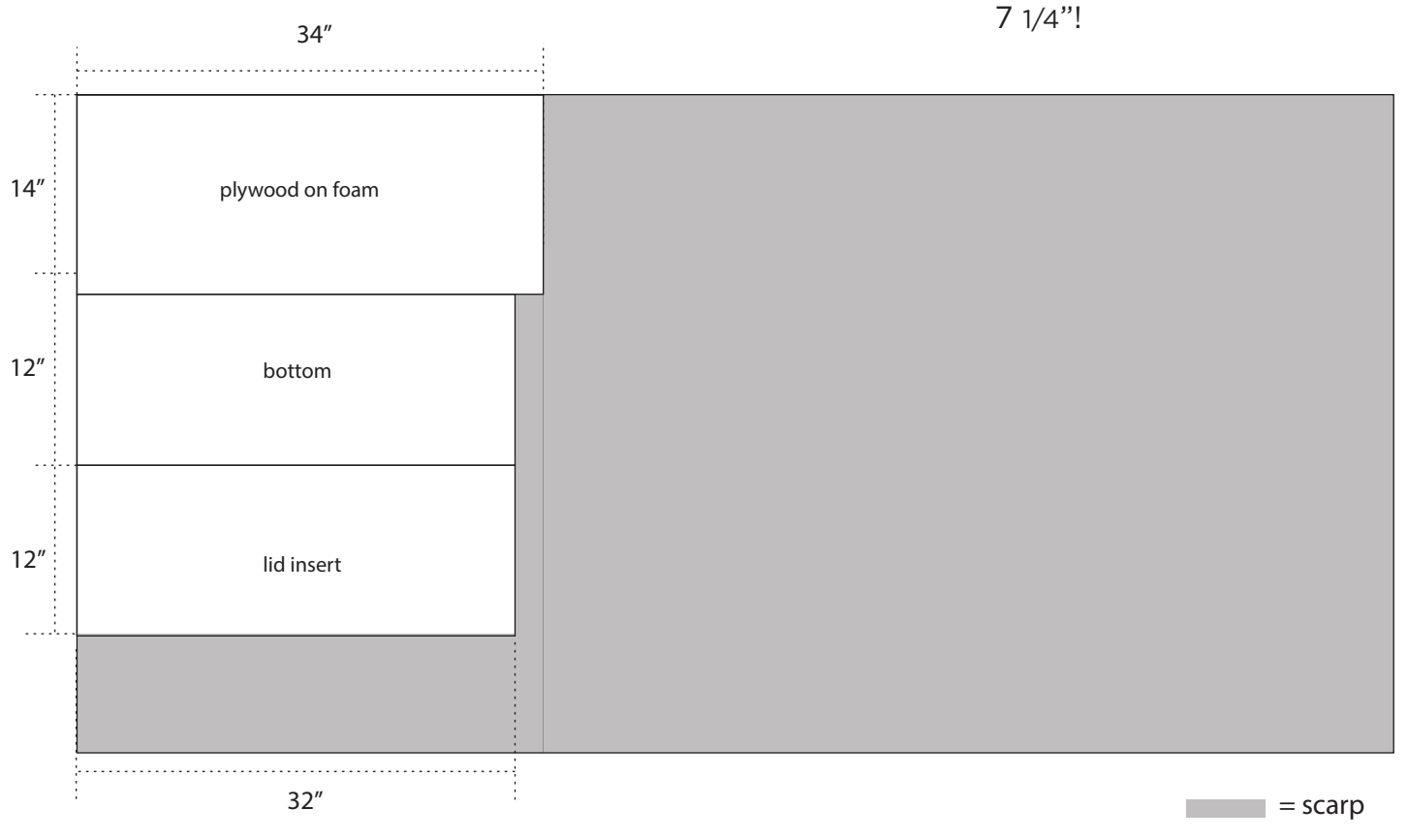


Note: Keep in mind that 2x8s are actually 1 1/2" x 7 1/4"!

STEP 2. CUT PLYWOOD

I used my circular saw to make the rip down a piece of 1/2" thick plywood. These pieces will serve as the bottom and lid.

Note: I would suggest using scraps if you have any!

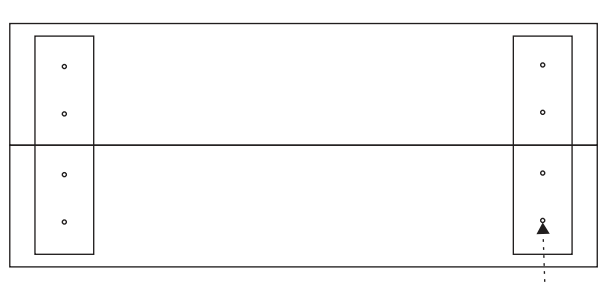


STEP 3. SAND AND SEAL WOOD

I used my orbital sander to sand all my pieces down. I finished off the plywood with a coat of Minwax Polycrylic.

STEP 4. GLUE AND SCREW ON SIDE PANELS

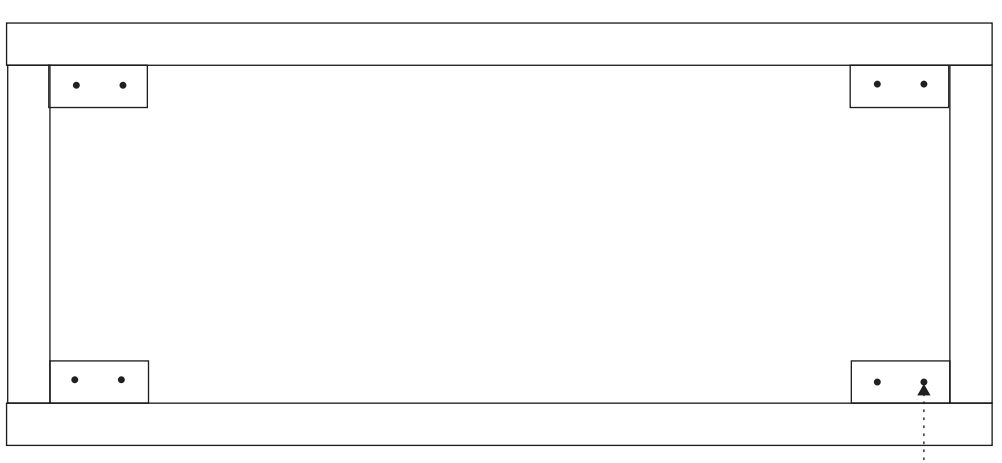
I glued and screwed 2x4s on each side of the 2x8s to hold them together to form the panels of the box. I spaced the 2x4s approximately 1 1/2" away from the edge, and 1/2" off the bottom.



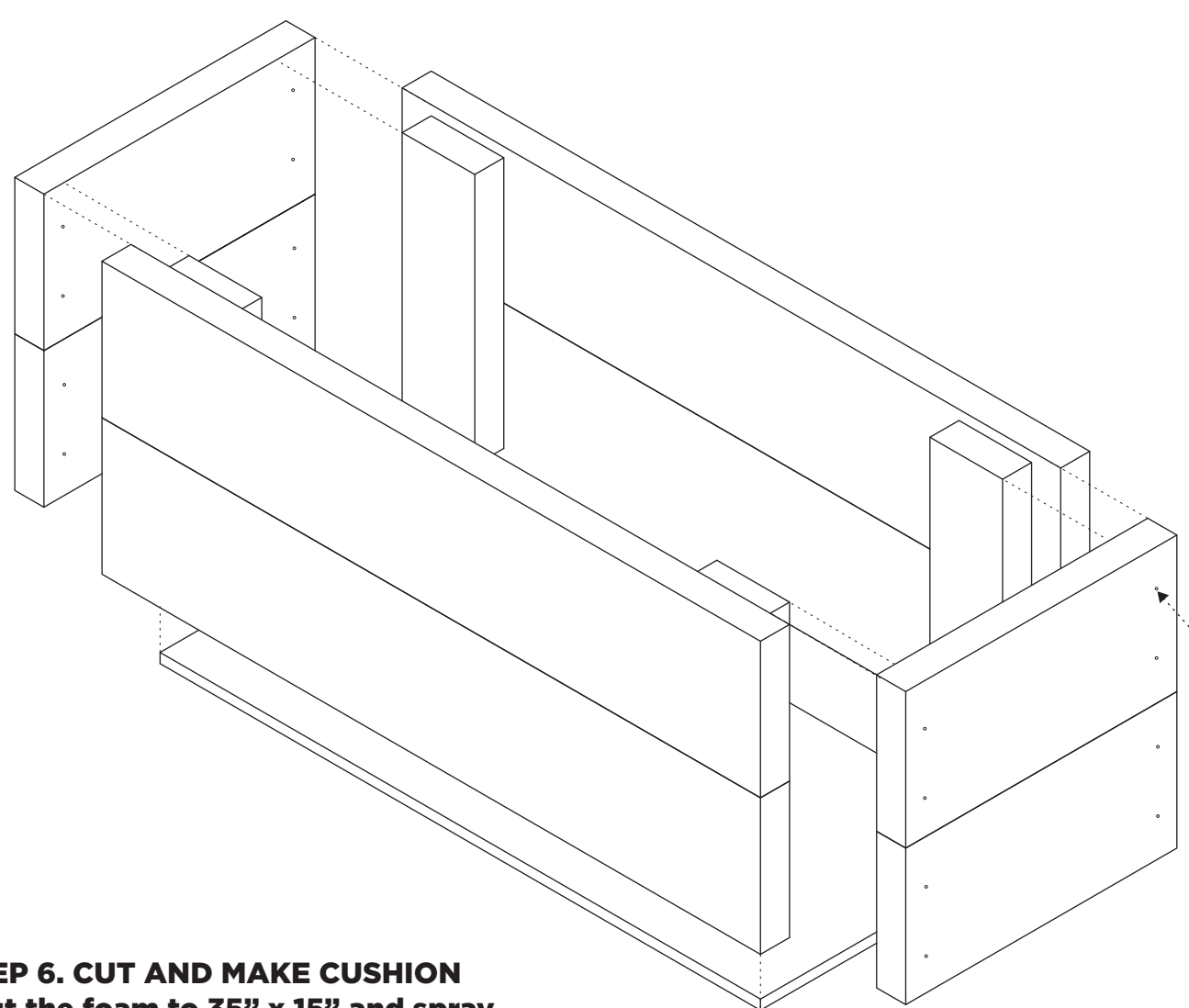
screw where all the holes are

STEP 5. SCREW ON BOTTOM

Once I had the sides of the box screwed together, I placed in the plywood bottom and drove screws from the bottom into the 2x4s to secure it in place.



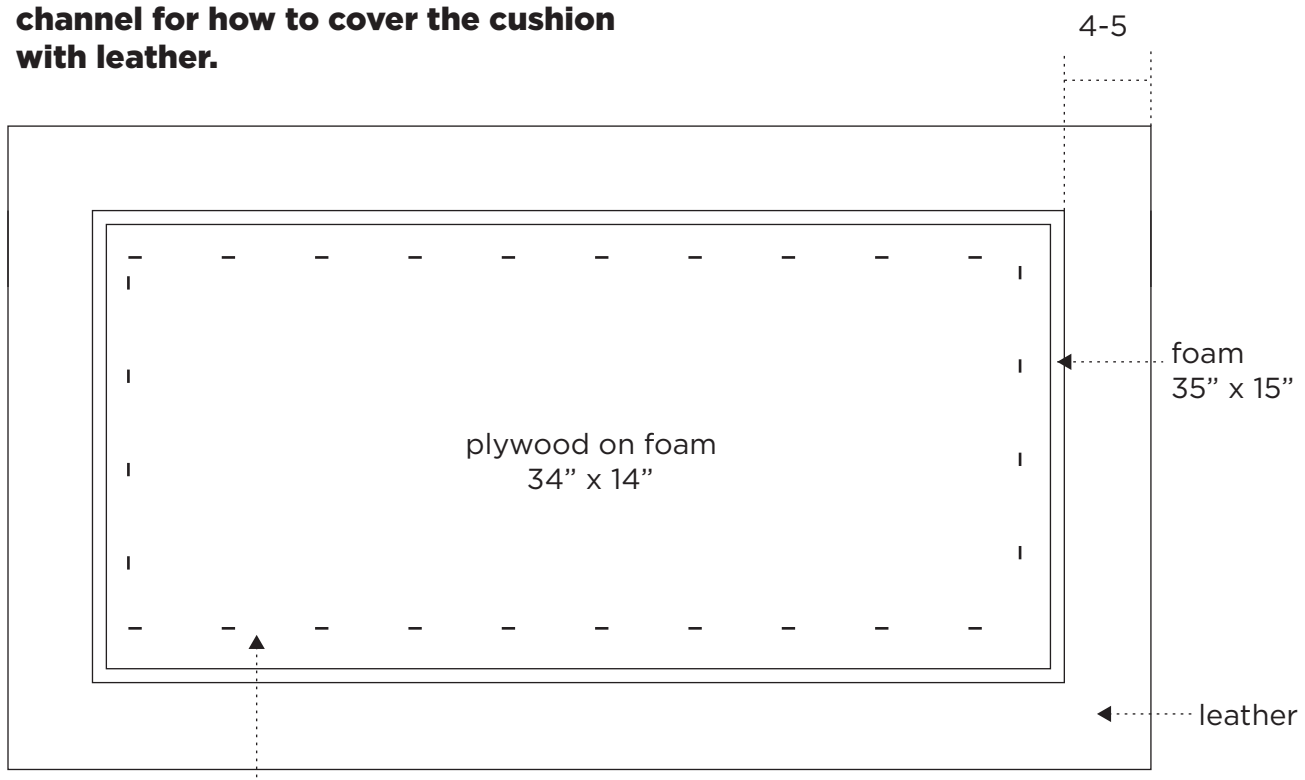
place bottom piece on 2x4 and screw where all the holes are into 2x4



screw where all the holes are into 2x4

STEP 6. CUT AND MAKE CUSHION

I cut the foam to 35" x 15" and spray glued a 34" x 14" piece of plywood on top of it. I filled the rest of the outer rim with 1/2" strips of foam. See video on HomeMade Modern YouTube channel for how to cover the cushion with leather.



STEP 7. ATTACH LID INSERT

I used hot glue to temporarily hold the cushion and plywood together. I then flipped the lid over and drove screws into the two sheets of plywood.

STEP 8. ATTACH FEET

I cut four 2x4s at 4" to serve as feet for the bottom of the storage box.