

# DIY Upholstered Retro Shoe Bench

By DIY Huntress



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### DIMENSIONS & DISCLAIMER:

*Please double check the overall dimensions for your specific build before starting.*

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## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

### TOOLS:

Table Saw  
Miter Saw  
Drill  
Brad Nailer  
Sander & Sand Paper  
Staple Gun (For Upholstery)

Pocket Hole Jig  
Wood Clamps  
Painter's Tape  
Measuring Tape  
Pencil

### MATERIALS:

(1) 4 x 4' Sheet of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Plywood  
(1) 2 x 2' Sheet of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " Plywood  
1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " Wood Screws  
1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " Pocket Hole Screws  
1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " Brad Nails  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Brad Nails  
Wood Glue  
Wood Stain  
Spray Adhesive  
12" Drawer Slides  
Drawer Pull

3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Yards of Fabric  
3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Yards of Batting  
3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Yards of 3" Foam  
(4) 12" Tapered Legs\*  
(4) 45 Degree Leg Plates

*\* See step-by-step on Ryobi Nation for how I custom cut the legs for my bench.*

### CUT LIST:

#### *$\frac{3}{4}$ " Plywood:*

(1) Top Panel @  $15\frac{3}{4}$  x 36"\*  
(1) Bottom Panel @  $15\frac{3}{4}$  x 36"\*  
(1) Fabric Panel @  $15\frac{3}{4}$  x 36"  
(2) Side Panels @  $5\frac{1}{4}$  x  $15\frac{3}{4}$ "\*  
(1) Support @  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $15\frac{3}{4}$ "  
(1) Drawer Front @  $3\frac{3}{4}$  x  $13\frac{3}{4}$ "  
(1) Back Panel @  $3\frac{3}{4}$  x  $13\frac{3}{4}$ "  
(2) Drawer Box @ 3 x  $11\frac{1}{4}$ "\*\*  
(2) Drawer Box @ 3 x 12"\*\*

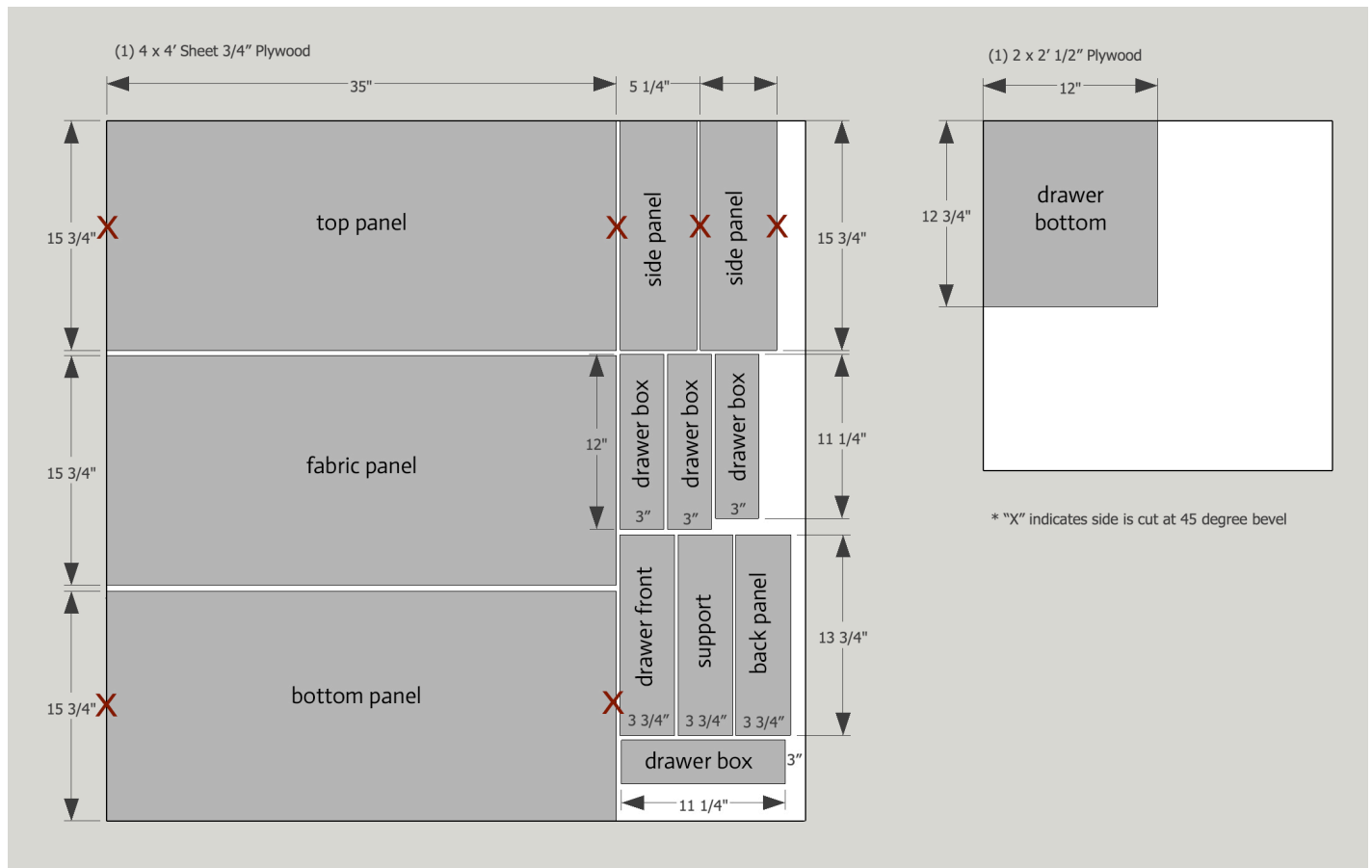
*\* These pieces are cut with 45 degree bevels – see cut list for what side of the plywood needs to be beveled.*

*\*\* Double check measurements for drawer boxes and bottom based on the specific drawer slides you purchased for your project.*

#### *$\frac{1}{4}$ " Plywood:*

(1) Drawer Bottom @ 12 x  $12\frac{3}{4}$ "\*\*

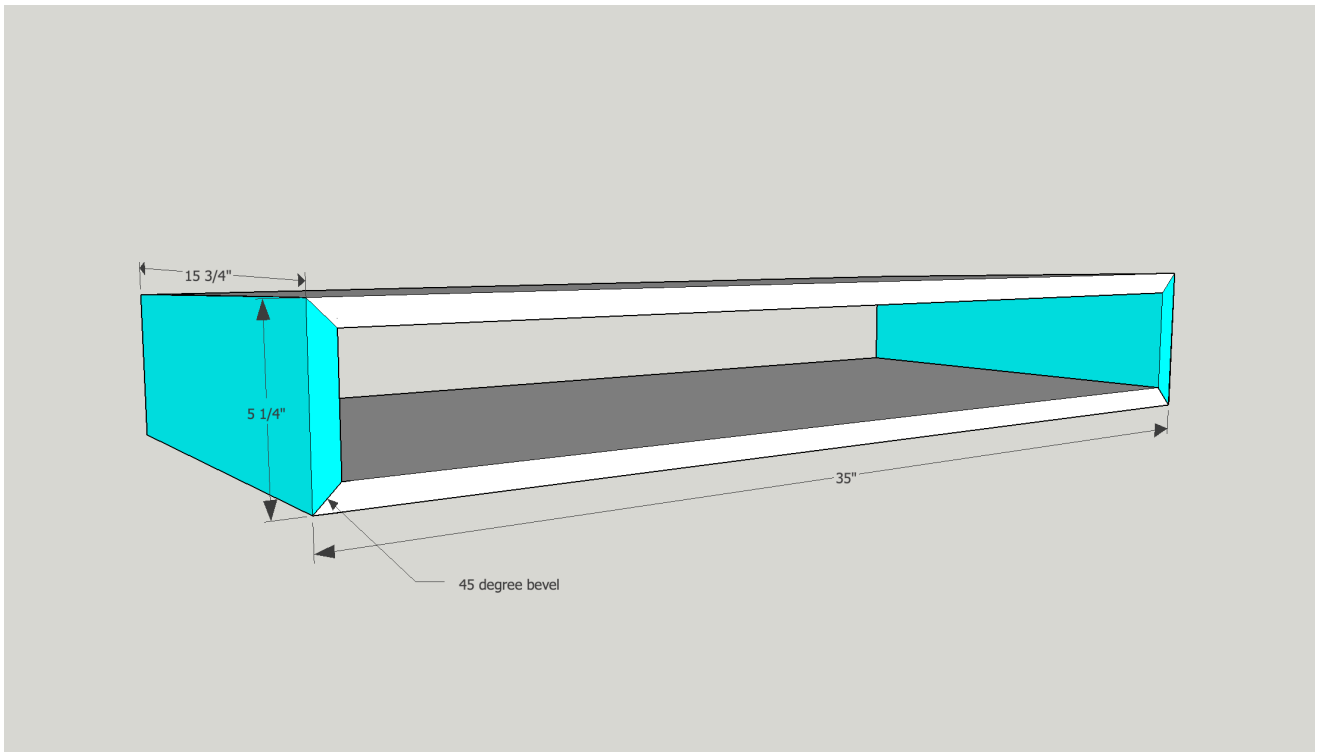
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## THE STEPS:

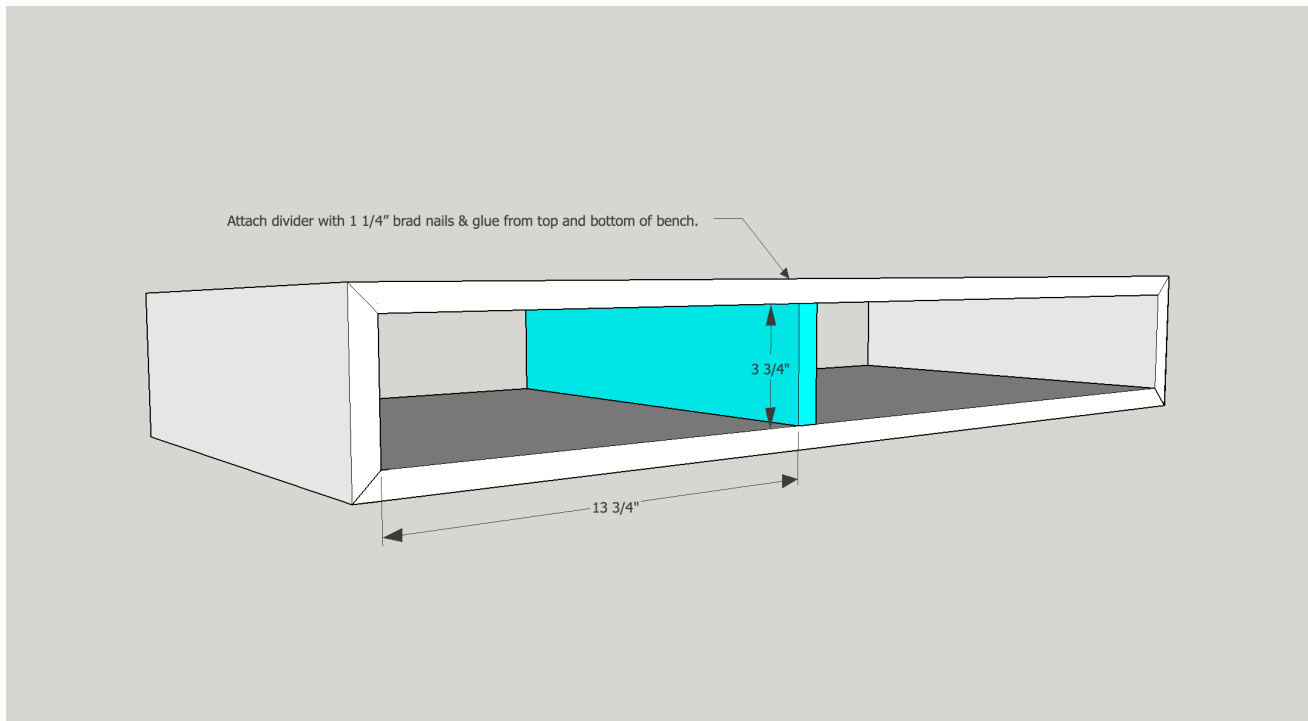
### STEP 1

Attach the top, bottom, and side panels of the bench at the 45 degree bevels with wood glue and clamps. You can use painter's tape to help align the bevels when gluing up.



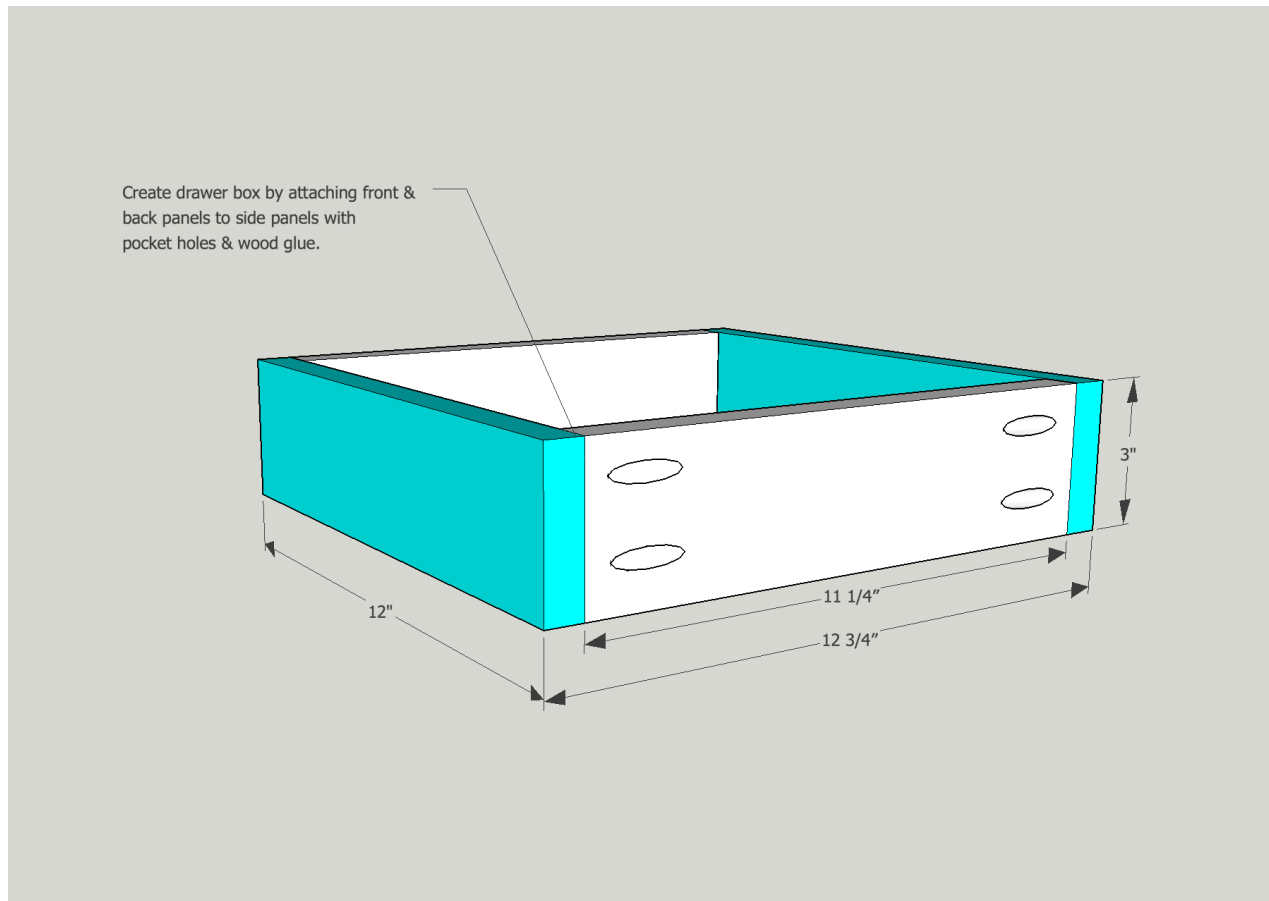
## STEP 2

Add center support to the bench with brad nails and wood glue. Add support  $13\frac{3}{4}$ " inward from one side of the build.



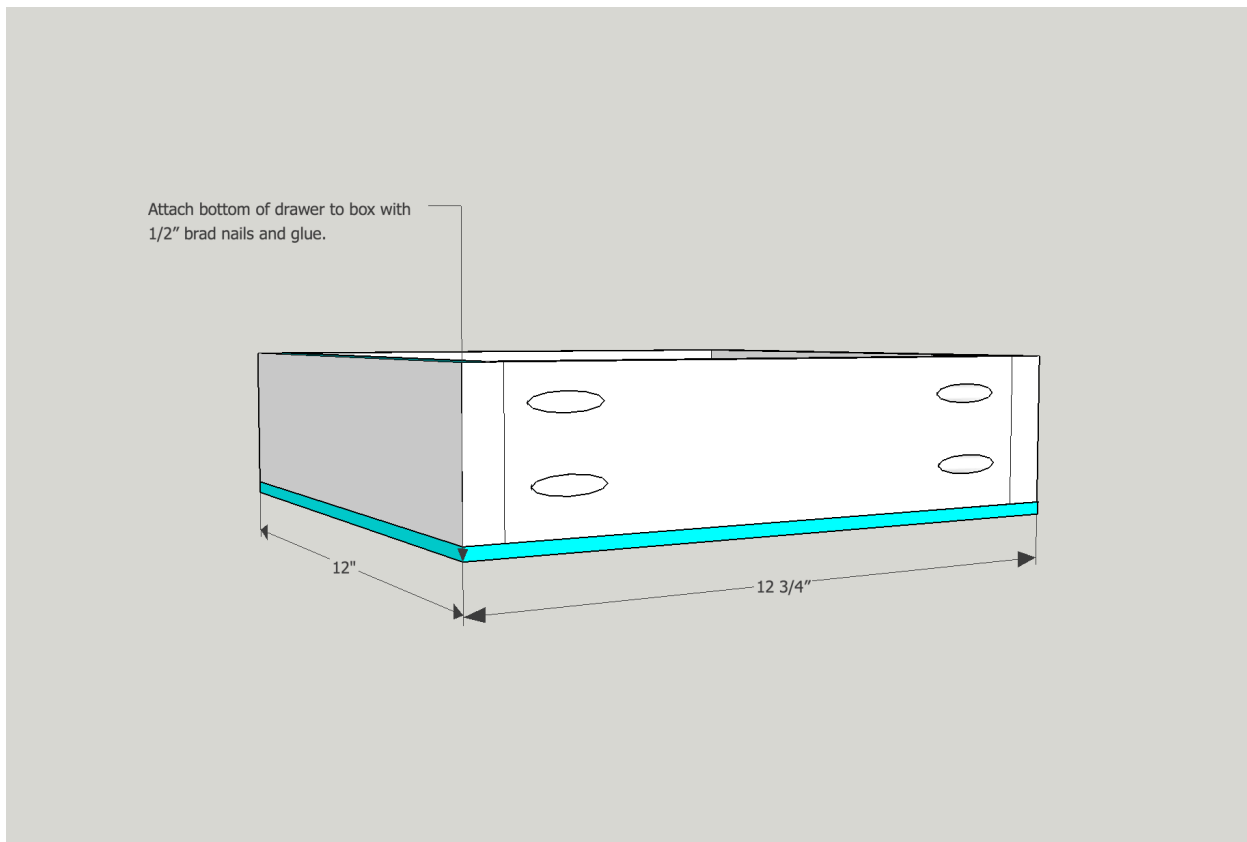
### STEP 3

Once your bench has been built, create your drawer box by screwing and gluing the 11 1/4" front and back box panels to the 12" side panels with pocket holes & screws. You can hide these screws on the back and front panels.



#### STEP 4

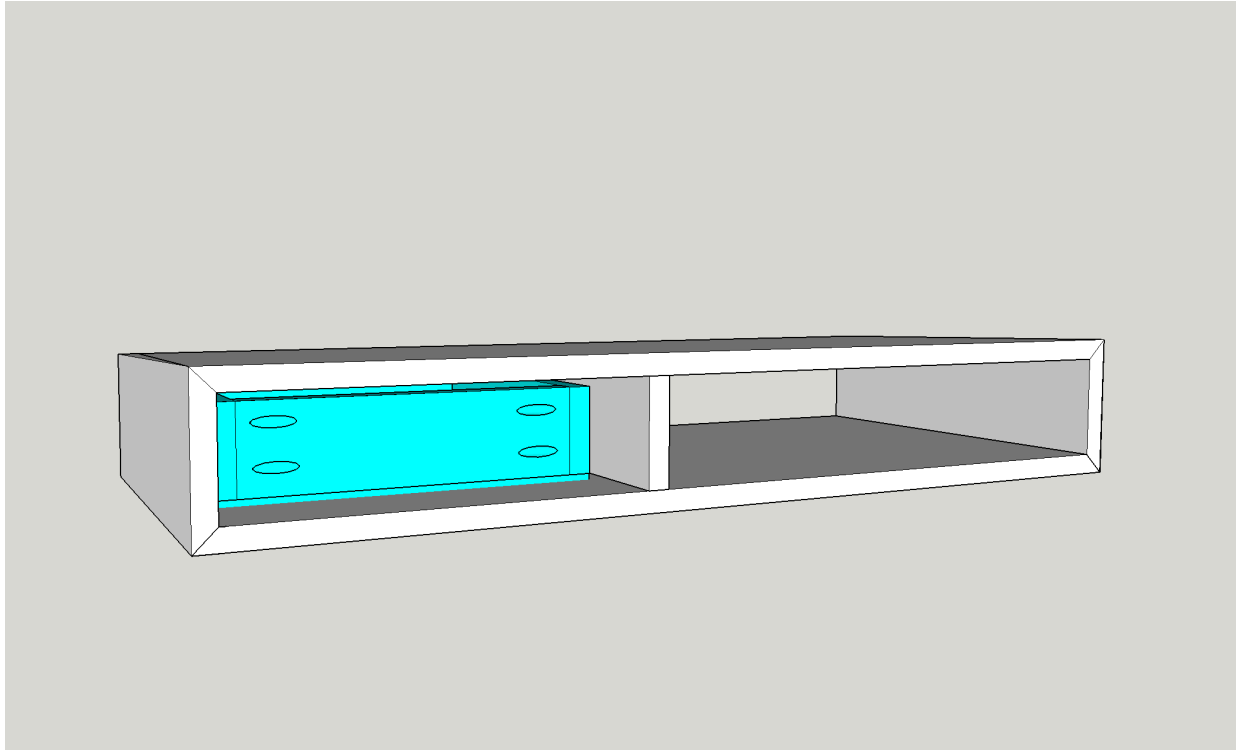
Attach your  $\frac{1}{4}$ " drawer bottom with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " brad nails and glue.





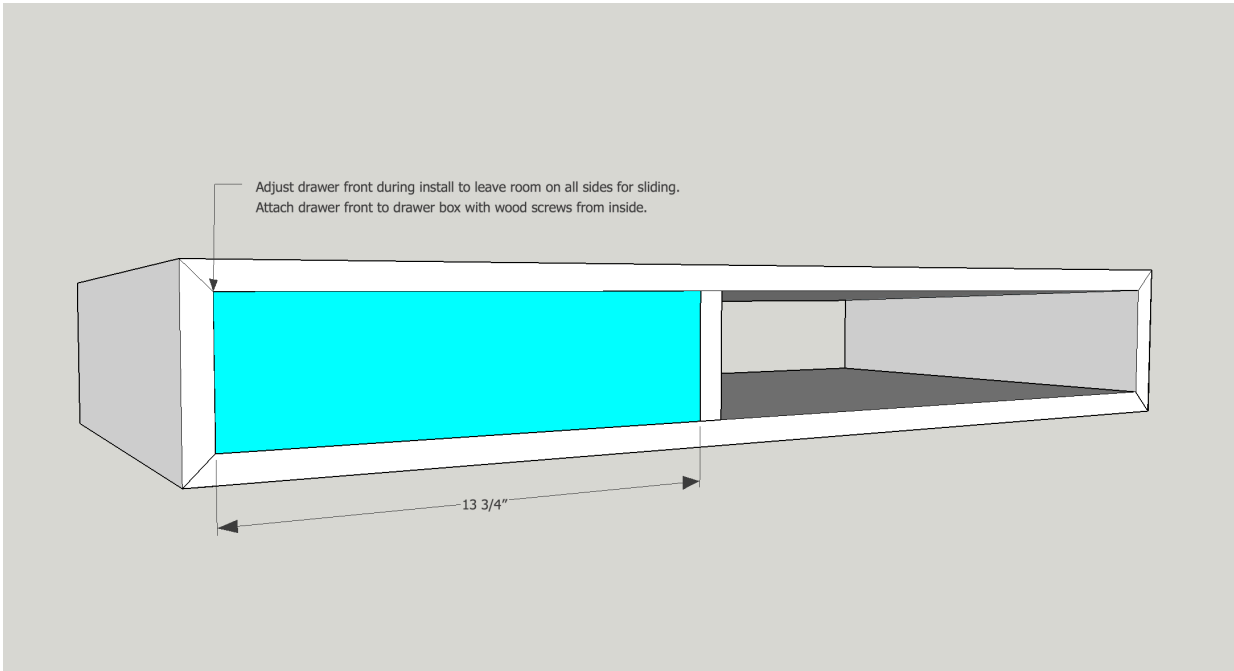
### STEP 5

Install your drawer box inside the 13 ¾" opening with 12" drawer slides.  
Leave a ¾" gap at the front of the drawer box for your panel to fit  
flush with the bench frame.



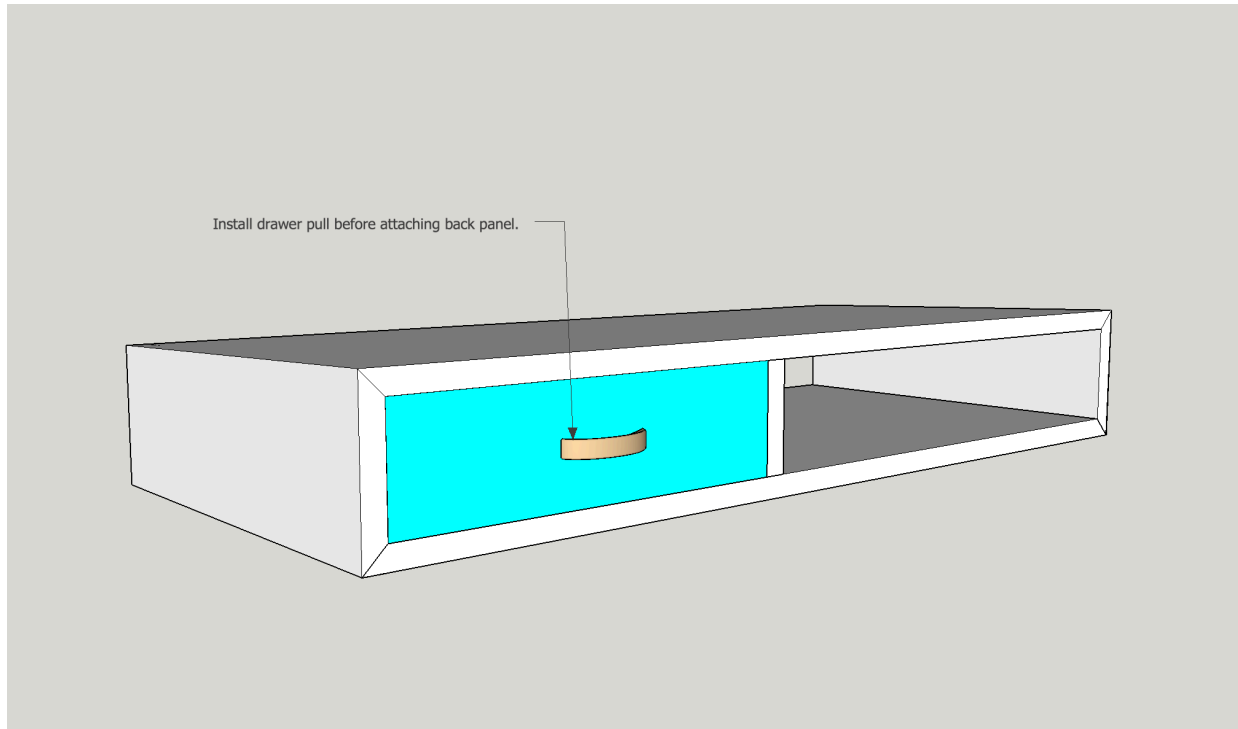
## STEP 6

**Attach your drawer front to the drawer box by screwing them together from inside of drawer box.**



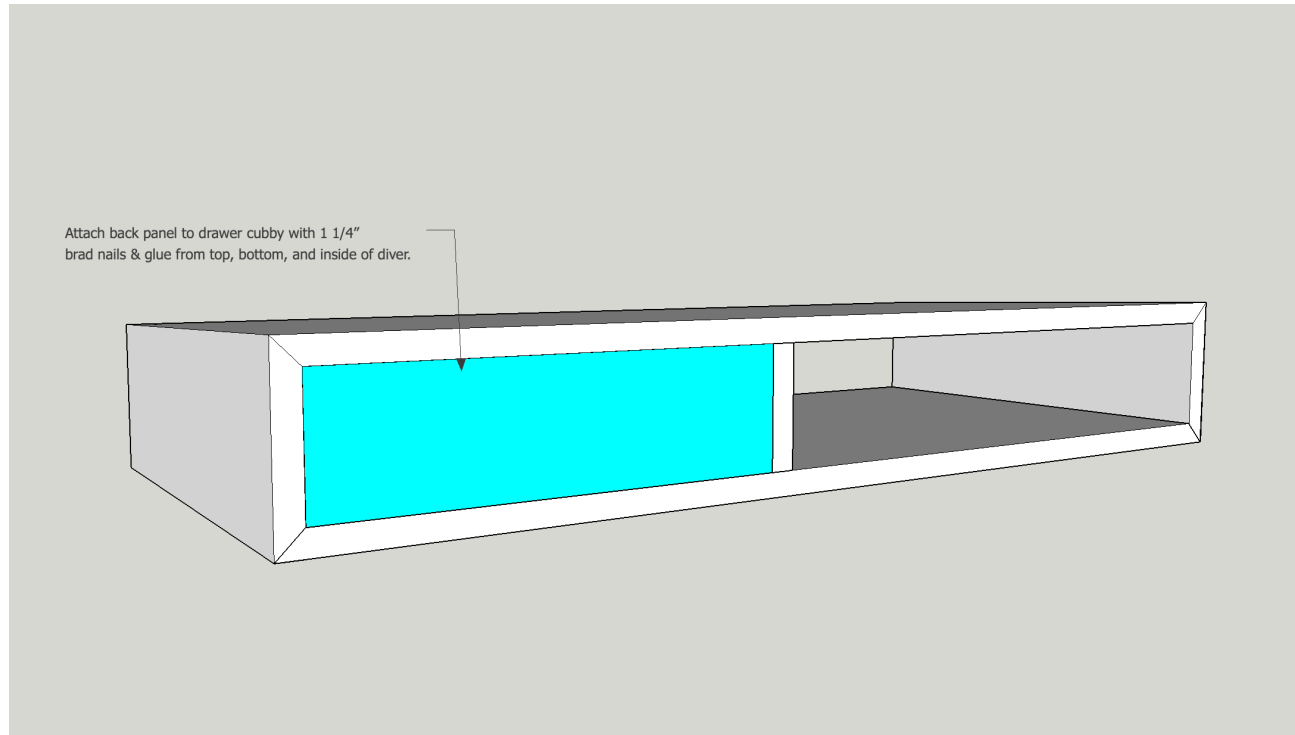
### STEP 7

Attach drawer pull to drawer front prior to closing up the back of the bench.



### STEP 8

Attach back panel to bench with 1 1/4" brad nails and wood glue.



**STEP 9**

**Attach legs to bench.**



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### STEP 10

Sand & add your finish to your bench prior to adding upholstery.



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### STEP 11

If you are adding a cushion to your bench, you can create this cushion by applying foam, batting, and fabric to the cushion panel and then attaching that to the bench by applying wood screws from the underside.

This will be a tight squeeze, so you will need a right angle drill.

See the step-by-step on Ryobi Nation for photos of this process.



### STEP 12

Store your umbrellas and knick-knacks in your bench and display proudly!



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