ProWood® Project Plan

DECK AND PATIO BENCH

With ProWood® Professional Grade pressure-treated lumber, you can easily build several benches for your deck, patio or yard. Expand your outdoor living enjoyment by adding an outdoor bench cushion or a complementary end table or two (see ProWood® Project Plan: Deck and Patio End Table).

Materials

For one 24" x 72" x 16" bench:

• One 4" x 4" x 8' ProWood® pressure-treated post
• Two 2" x 6" x 10' ProWood® pressure-treated boards
• Four 5/4" x 6" x 6' ProWood® pressure-treated boards
• One box of 3" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws
• One box of 1-5/8" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws
• Exterior wood glue

Basic Tools

• Circular or table saw
• Drill and 1/8" drill bit
• Countersink bit
• Screwdriver (or power drill with screwdriving bit)
• Tape measure
• Carpenter's square

If your wood project touches the ground, use pressure-treated lumber that is rated for ground contact to ensure long-term performance.
Cut Lumber to Size

**Caution:** Always wear gloves, a dust mask and eye protection when sawing, sanding or machining wood.

Using a circular or table saw on a clean, flat, level surface, cut the ProWood® pressure-treated wood for the components of the bench as follows:

- Ends: Two 2" x 6" x 21"
- Sides: Two 2" x 6" x 72"
- Seat: Four 5/4" x 6" x 72"
- Seat Supports: Two 2" x 6" x 21"
- Legs: Four 4" x 4" x 15"

General Assembly Advice

- Establish a screw pattern to enhance the overall look and feel of the final assembled product.
- Predrill all screw holes to ease the insertion of screws into the wood and prevent splitting.
- Countersink all screws so the head of a countersunk screw, when screwed into the hole, will sit flush with or below the surface of the surrounding material.
Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

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Attach End Boards

Refer to Fig. 1 illustration on page 3.

- Select one end board and two legs. Lay the board on top of the legs. Make sure the end board is flush and square with the top and outside edges of the two legs.
- Attach the board to the legs using 3" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws and wood glue.
- Repeat the above directions to build the second end.

Attach Side Boards

Refer to Fig. 2 illustration on page 3.

- Select one side board. Align the board along the top edge of both assembled ends and make sure it is also flush and square with the outside edges of the two end boards.
- Attach the board to the two legs and exposed edges of the end boards using 3" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws and wood glue.
- Repeat the above directions to attach the second side.

Attach Seat Support Boards

Refer to Fig. 3 illustration on page 3.

- Measure 24" in from one end and mark the outside face of both side boards. Select one seat support and place it inside both front and back side boards. Center align the support with the measured marks and make sure it is also flush and square with the top edges of the two side boards.
- Attach the support to the side boards using 3" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws and wood glue.
- Repeat the above directions to attach the second support.

Attach Seat Boards

Refer to Fig. 4 illustration on this page.

- Select one seat board. Lay the board on top of the assembled base. Align and flush the board along an outer edge of the base.
- Attach the board to the top of the base and the seat supports using 1-5/8" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws and wood glue.
- Repeat the above directions and attach another seat board to the opposite outer edge of the base and seat supports.
- Place the remaining two seat boards on top of the base. Make sure the boards are flush with the outside of the base and spaced apart equally.
- Attach the boards to the top of the base using 1-5/8" #8 galvanized all-purpose screws and wood glue.

Clean, odorless, nonstaining and nonirritating, ProWood MCA (micronized copper azole) treated lumber is safe for humans, animals and the environment. The process we use to treat has gained Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) status as certified by Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), a third-party certification services and standards development company. The preservative in ProWood MCA treated lumber has earned NAHB’s Green Approved Product Certification and the GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certification.

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