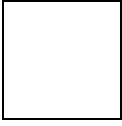


How to Build a Goat Grooming Table



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Hoping to win at the local dairy goat show? Officials at the American Dairy Goat Association will tell you that you have to start with a well-groomed goat. Shearing a goat and trimming its hooves is sometimes a tricky process and always a challenge, but when using a goat-grooming stand, the undertaking is an enjoyable one. Most goat-grooming stands in the marketplace are of metal construction and range in price from \$300 to \$500. However, goat fanciers who are good with their hands can cobble up a grooming stand made of wood for less than \$50.

Difficulty: Moderate

Instructions

Things You'll Need:

- Electric drill
- Phillips head screwdriver bit
- 1/16-inch drill bit
- Table saw or skill saw
- Miter saw or miter box with handsaw
- Square
- Tape Measure
- 2 pieces lumber, 1 inch by 12 inches by 8 feet
- 1 piece lumber, 1 inch by 6 inch by 8 feet
- 2 pieces lumber, 2 inches by 4 inches by 8 feet
- 1 piece lumber, 1 inch by 4 inches by 8 feet
- 1 L-bracket, 8 inch
- Needle nose pliers
- Box 1 ½-inch wood screws
- Box 2-inch wood screws
- Box 2 ½-inch wood screws
- 1 length light chain, 12 inches long
- 1 screw eye
- 1 small S-hook

1. Step 1

Cut all wood on table saw or use skill saw, positioning saw horses to support the lumbar. Use square to ensure straight cuts.

Cut one of the 1-by-12s into two 48-inch lengths.
Cut one of the 2-by-4s into four 18-inch lengths.
Cut one of the 2-by-4s into two 23-inch lengths and one 48-inch length.
Cut the 1-by-6 into two 23-inch lengths.
Cut the 1-by-4 into two 12-inch lengths, cutting one end of each at a 45-degree angle.

2. Step 2

Assemble the floor.

Place the two, 48-inch 1-by-12s side by side. Align the two, 23-inch 2-by-4s at opposite ends of the 1-by-12s, positioning them 1 inch from the end of the boards. Using 6 of the 2-inch wood screws per 2-by-4-support piece, attach using the electric drill and screwing down from the top of the floor.

3. Step 3

Attach legs.

Using the 1 ½-inch screws and the electric drill, screw the two, 23-inch 1-by-6 leg supports to the outside of the 23-inch 2-by-4s, making them flush with the end of the floor. Attach the 18-inch 2-by-4s (legs) at each corner by using the electric drill and the 2-inch screws, securing each leg with two screws in the top and two in each side.

4. Step 4

Build and attach the "stay" bar.

Find the 48-inch 2-by-4 and the two, 12-inch 1-by-4s. Using the 2-inch screws and the drill, attach the 1-by-4s to the front of the 2-by-4, creating a "V." Then measure and position the completed "stay" bar half way in---2 feet---on the short side of the stand. Attach the bar to the 1-by-6 leg support at the front of the stand using the drill and two of the 2-inch screws and the electric drill. Secure in the same manner to the floor of the grooming stand. For added support, attach the L-bracket to the floor and the upright bar using 1 ½-inch screws and the electric drill.

5. Step 5

Attach the neck restraint.

Using the electric drill and a 1 ½-inch screw, attach one end of the light chain to the top of the "stay" bar at the "V" created in step 4. Secure the S-hook to the other end of the chain, using needle-nose pliers to crimp. Screw the screw eye into the opposite, top side of the "V."