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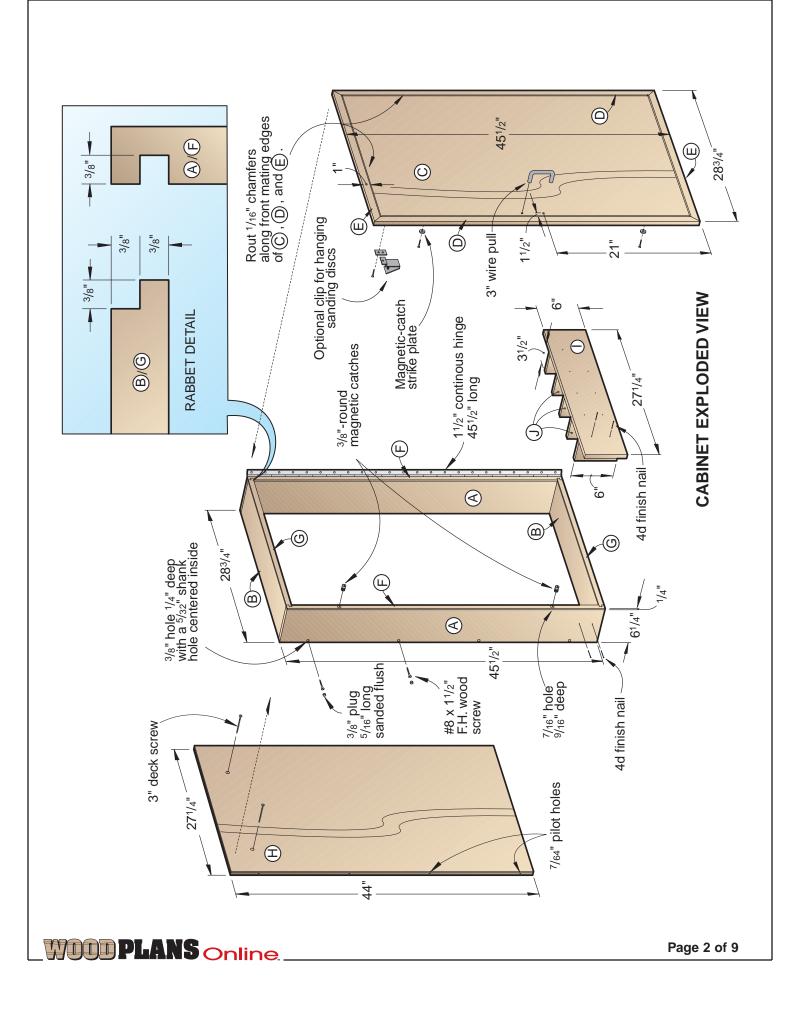




# Sanding-Supply Center

Left in the open, sandpaper will cup due to humidity. To keep this perennial problem in check and keep our sandpaper organized and away from dust, we came up with this multi-purpose cabinet. We've made room for sanding belts, a sandpaper cutter, a mini shelf for your sanding blocks, a holder for your scrapers, and clips to hold sanding discs in place.

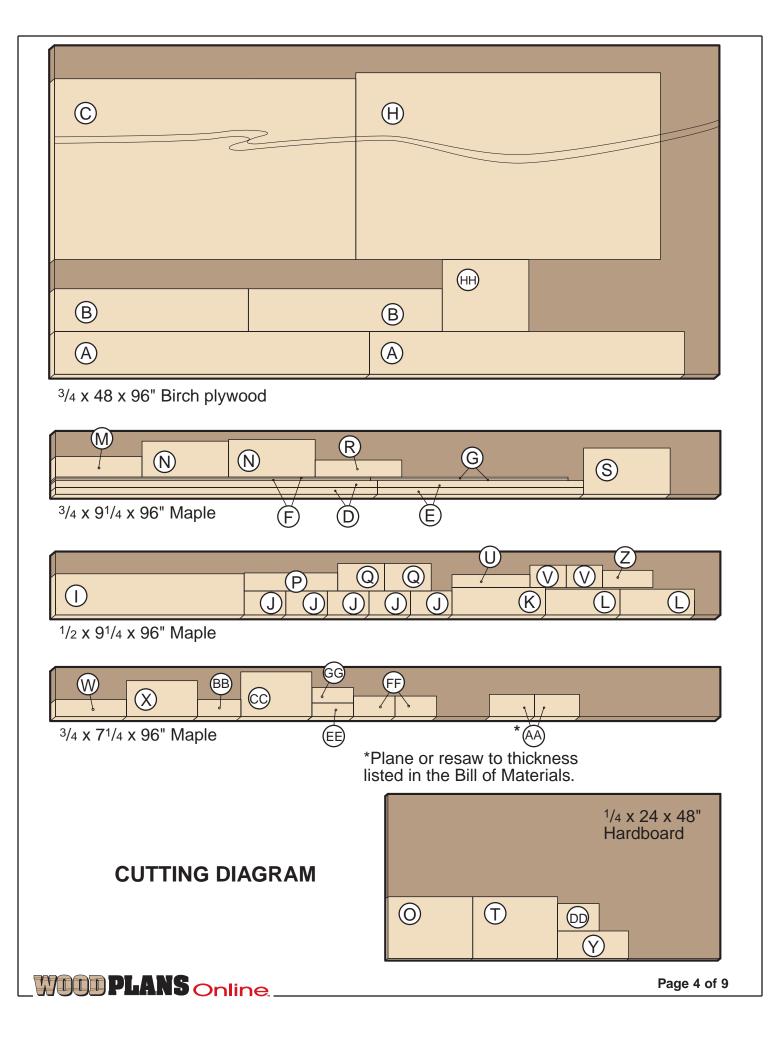
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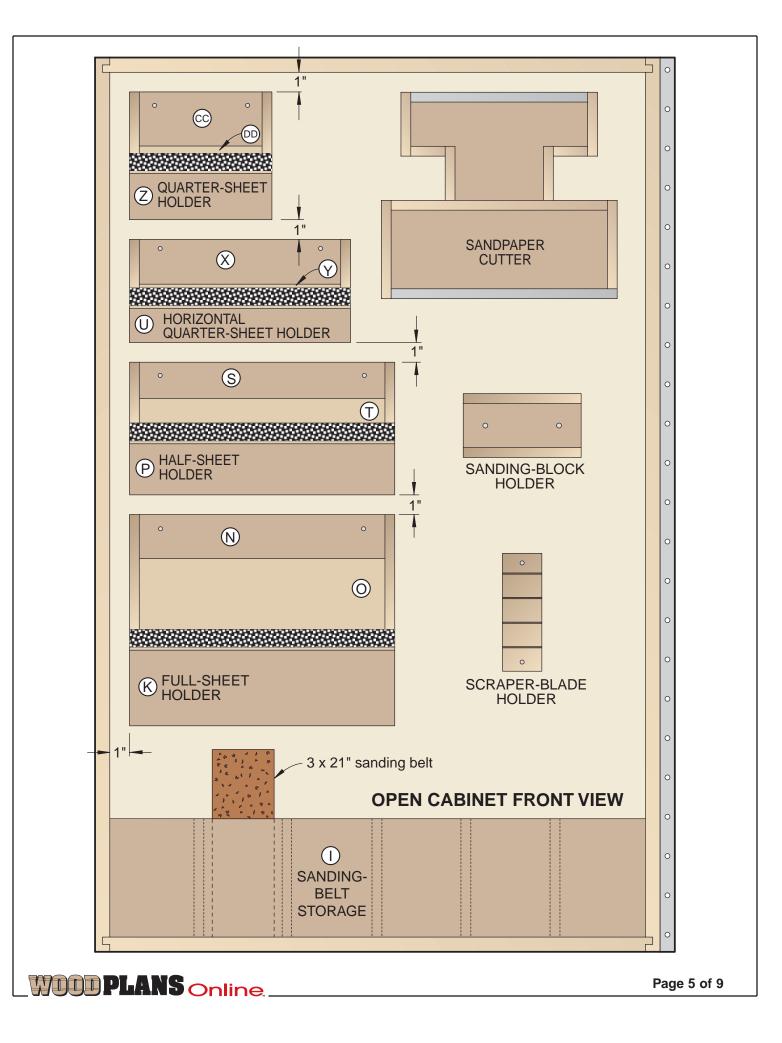


Bill of Materials														
Part		Finished Size			Matl.	·		Finished Size			ft.			
		Т	W	L	Ma	Qty	Part	Т	W	L	Matl.	Qty.		
CABINET						HORIZONTAL QUARTER-SHEET HOLDER								
А	sides	3⁄4"	61⁄4"	451⁄2"	BP	2	U front	1/2"	<b>1</b> 7⁄8"	<b>11</b> 1⁄4"	М	1		
В	top & bottom	3⁄4"	61⁄4"	28"	BP	2	V sides	1⁄2"	31⁄4"	51⁄4"	М	2		
С	door	3⁄4"	26¾"	431⁄2"	BP	1	W bottom	3⁄4"	21/2"	101⁄4"	М	1		
D*	side bands	3⁄4"	1"	451/2"	М	2	X back	3⁄4"	51⁄4"	101⁄4"	М	1		
E*	top & btm. bands	3⁄4"	1"	28¾"	М	2	Y comp. board	1⁄4"	4"	101/8"	НВ	1		
F*	cab. side	1/4"	3⁄4"	45½"	м	2	QUARTER-SHEET HOLDER							
G*	edging cab. top &	74	94	4072	IVI	2	Z front	1/2"	21⁄2"	71⁄4"	М	1		
<u> </u>	btm. edging	1⁄4"	3⁄4"	28"	М	2	AA sides	1/2"	31⁄4"	61⁄2"	М	2		
Н	cab. back	3⁄4"	271⁄4"	44"	BP	1	BB bottom	3⁄4"	21⁄2"	61⁄4"	М	1		
	SAN	DING-BE	ELT STO	RAGE	-		CC back	3⁄4"	61⁄2"	61⁄4"	М	1		
I	front	1⁄2"	6"	271⁄4"	М	1	DD comp. board	1⁄4"	4"	61⁄8"	НВ	1		
J dividers 1/2" 31/2" 6" M 5					SCRAPER-BLADE HOLDER									
FULL-SHEET HOLDER						EE holder	3⁄4"	2"	6"	М	1			
Κ	front	1⁄2"	4"	131⁄2"	М	1		DING-BL				<u> </u>		
L	sides	1/2"	3¾"	10¾"	М	2	FF shelves	3⁄4"	3"	6"	М	2		
М	bottom	3⁄4"	3"	<b>12</b> ½"	М	1	GG back	94 3⁄4"	21/4"	6"	M	<u> </u>		
Ν	back	3⁄4"	10¾"	<b>12</b> ½"	М	1					IVI	1		
0	comp. board	1/4"	9"	12¾"	НВ	1	HH cutting board	NDPAPE	10½"	121/16"	BP	1		
		HALF-SI	HEET H	OLDER						· ·				
Ρ	front	1⁄2"	25⁄8"	131⁄2"	М	1	*Initially cut parts marked with an * oversized. Then, trim each to finished sized according to the how-to instructions.							
Q	sides	1/2"	31⁄4"	63⁄4"	М	2	Supplies: 4d finish nails, #8×11/4" and #8×11/2"							
R	bottom	3⁄4"	21/2"	<b>12</b> ½"	М	1	flathead wood screws, 3" deck screws, 11/2×451/2"							
S	back	3⁄4"	63⁄4"	<b>12</b> ½"	М	1	continuous (piano) hinge with screws, 2-3/8" round magnetic catches and strikes, 3" wire pull, primer,							
Т	comp. board	1⁄4"	41⁄2" 123⁄8"			1	enamel paint, satin polyurethane, hook and loop fabric strips (we used Velcro®). For sandpaper cutter; hacksaw blades and #17×½" brads.							

Materials Key: BP-birch plywood, M-maple, HB-hardboard.

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## Start with the basic cabinet assembly

**1** Using the the Bill of Materials and the Cutting Diagram for reference, lay out and cut the cabinet sides (A), top and bottom (B), and door panel (C) to size from <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" birch plywood.

**2** Cut the door banding pieces (D, E) to size plus 1" in length from maple stock.

**3** Rout a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>" chamfer along the front mating edges of the door panel (C) and banding (D, E). When joined in the next step the chamfers form a decorative V-groove, where shown on the Cabinet Exploded View drawing. **4** Miter-cut the banding pieces (D, E) to length. Glue and clamp them to the door panel (C).

**5** Set your tablesaw rip fence <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" from the inside edge of the blade, and rip edging strips (F, G) from the edge of a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"-thick maple board. Crosscut the edging strips to length plus 1". (We used the edging to hide the exposed plies of the plywood sides, top, and bottom panels.)

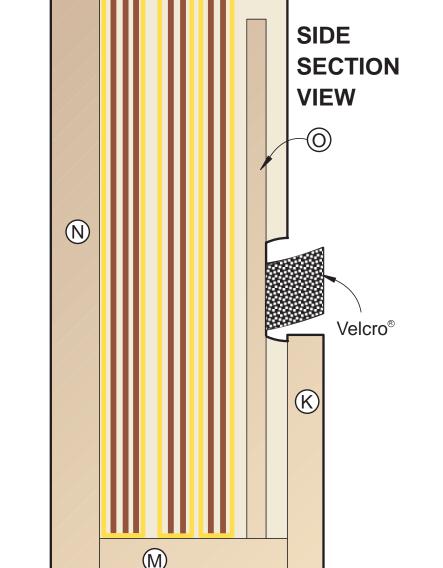
6 Glue and clamp the edging strips to the front edges of plywood pieces (A, B). Later, trim the ends of the edging flush with that of the plywood.

**7** As dimensioned on the Rabbet detail accompanying the Cabinet Exploded View drawing, cut a  $3^{\text{H}}$  dado  $3^{\text{H}}$  deep  $3^{\text{H}}$  from the top and bottom ends of the cabinet sides A/F. Next, cut a  $3^{\text{H}}$  rabbet  $3^{\text{H}}$  deep along both ends of the top and bottom pieces B/G. (We test-cut scrap pieces of stock first to verify the settings.)

**8** Glue and clamp the cabinet assembly, checking for square.

**9** Measure the opening, and cut the cabinet back (H) to size. Drill counterbored mounting holes through the cabinet sides (A), and screw the back in place.

**10** Use a 3/8" plug cutter to cut 3/8" plugs 5/16" long. Plug the counterbored holes in the cabinet sides, and sand the plugs flush, being



(L)

careful not to sand through the birch veneer.

**11** Crosscut a piece of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " continuous (piano) hinge to  $45\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Using just three screws, secure the continuous hinge to the cabinet. Then, using three screws, attach the hinge to the back side of the door. Close the door to verify that the edges and ends are flush with those of the cabinet. (By using just a few

screws, it makes it easier to adjust the hinge placement if necessary for a flush closing door.) Now, using the existing holes in the hinges as guides, drill ¼6" pilot holes into the cabinet and door. Finish attaching the hinge.

Sandpaper

File folder

12 Locate and drill the holes, and attach a 3" wire pull to the door.13 Mark the locations and drill a pair of mounting holes in the lefthand cabinet side for the round



magnetic catches. Install the catches, close the door, and squeeze the door against the cabinet to indent the strike locations on the back side of the door. Attach the strikes.

## Let's add the sandpaper bins next

Note: The sizes of sandpaper holders may vary depending on your particular sanders and accessories. To organize the different grits of sandpaper and to allow the paper to be removed easily from the individual bins, we cut file folders to fit inside each bin, and divided the paper by grits. See the Side Section View for reference.

**1** Cut the sanding-belt storage pieces (I, J) to size. Assemble the pieces in the configuration shown on the Cabinet Exploded View drawing. You'll need to space the dividers (J) to fit the width of your sanding belts.

**2** Cut the full-sheet bin front (K), sides (L), bottom (M), back (N), and compressor board (O) to size. Cut a radius and semicircular cutout in each side piece where shown on the Sandpaper Holder drawings. Assemble in the configuration shown on the drawing. Repeat the process to build the remaining holders.

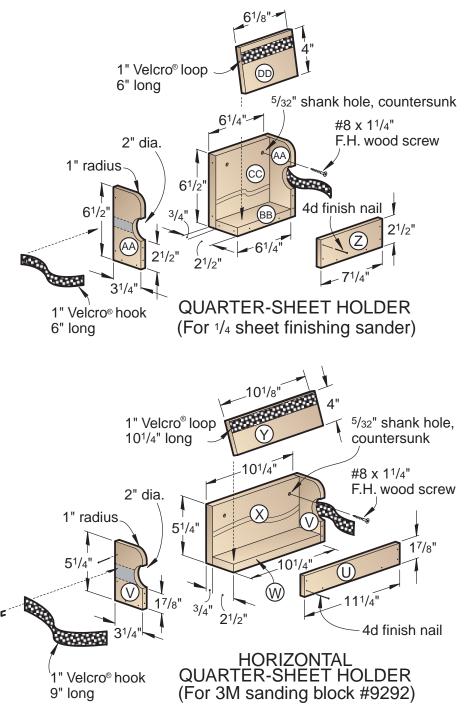
## Finally, add the scraper- and sanding-block holders

**1** Cut a piece of  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-thick stock to  $2\times6$ " for the cabinet-scraper holder (EE). Bandsaw four  $\frac{1}{6}$ " kerfs  $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep at a  $45^{\circ}$  angle in the holder where shown on the Cabinet-Scraper Holder drawing.

**2** Cut the shelves (FF) and back (GG) to size for the sanding block holder. Glue and nail the pieces together, where shown on the Sanding Block drawing.

**3** For dividing full sheets of sandpaper into partial sheets, our sandpaper cutter is just the tool. The guides allow you to position the sandpaper square to the cutter, in

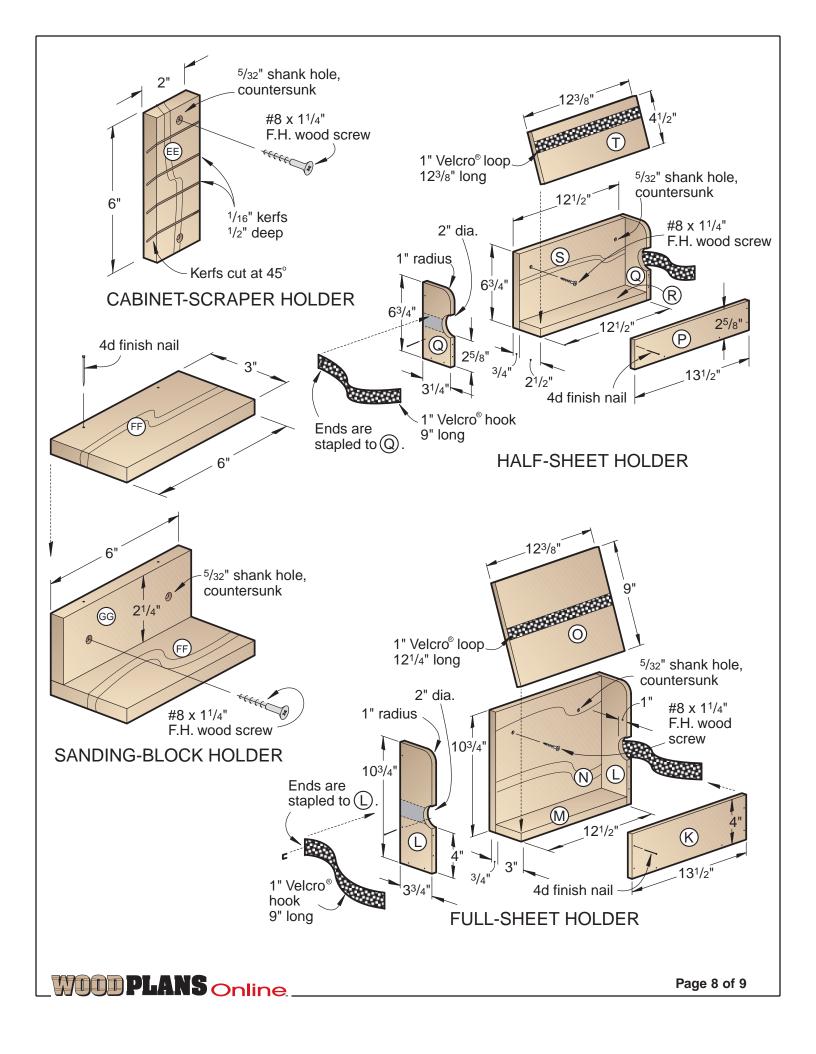
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this case a portion of a hacksaw blade. To make the sandpaper cutter, start by cutting the cutting board (HH) to the shape shown on the Sandpaper Cutter drawing, bevel-cutting the ends at 5° where shown on the accompanying Bevel detail. Then, cut or rout a ½" rabbet 1/32" deep along the ends of (HH) to fit the saw blade, where shown on the drawing. Cut two hacksaw blades to the lengths listed on the drawing, and epoxy one in each rabbet. Now, cut the <sup>1</sup>/4"-thick strips to the lengths listed on the drawing and nail them in place.

#### Finishing touches

**1** Remove the hardware and holders from the assembled cabinet. Finish-sand all parts smooth. Mask the magnetic catch (they're nearly impossible to remove once they've been installed.)



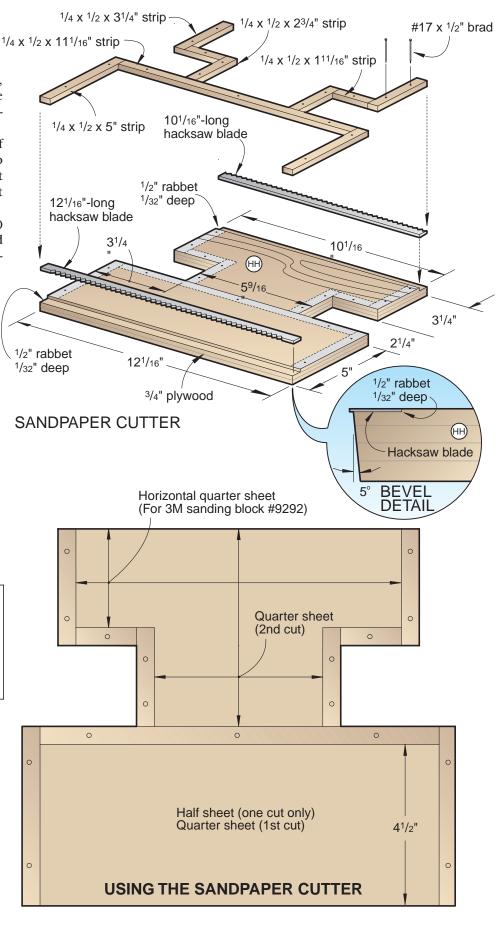
**2** Apply a clear finish (we used satin polyurethane) to the door banding (D, E), the back face of the door panel (C), and the sandpaper holders. (See the opening photos for reference.)

**3** After the finish dries, mask off the edging, and apply primer to the front face of the door (except the banding) and the cabinet assembly. Paint the primed areas. **4** Attach (we used an air stapler) the hook fabric strips (we used Velcro®) to the sides of the holders and the mating loop fabric to the front surface of the compressor boards.

**5** Using a helper and a level, hang the cabinet on the wall, being sure to hit all available studs. Attach the holders to the front face of the cabinet back and secure clips to the back face of the door. Reattach the pull to the door, and add the sandpaper.

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