

Block that rests on counter makes a convenient and safe storage place for knives. It can be built upright or at an approximate 45 degree angle.

Both types of block are made of four pieces of 1 x 6 pine—10" long for the upright block, 13" long for the angle block.

Spaces for the knives are formed by gluing lath strips to the 1 x 6 pine. These strips can be arranged to create different size spaces depending on the width of the knife blades.

STEP 1

- Cut the 1 x 6 pine to desired length—10" or 13".

STEP 2

- Rip 1/2" or so strips off a piece of lath equal to the length of the 1 x 6.

STEP 3—ASSEMBLING

- Lay out the lath on one piece of 1 x 6 in the order you wish.
- Apply glue to the underside of the lath and to the face of the 1 x 6. Set the lath in place and secure it with a couple of 1/2" brads. As you work, always remove excess glue with a damp rag.
- Coat the exposed face of the lath with more glue, add the next piece of 1 x 6 and additional strips of lath. Continue in this fashion until block is formed of four pieces of 1 x 6 with lath spacers.
- Clamp unit together with a Stanley bar clamp (Stanley 83-157) until glue is hard.

STEP 4

- For an angle block, wait until glue is dry, then cut off base at 45 degree or so angle.

STEP 5

- Add base. For angle block, make base 3/4" x 4 1/2" x 12". For upright, base can be 3/4" x 4 1/2" by 8". Secure base with No. 8 fhws 1 1/4" long.

MATERIALS:

UPRIGHT BLOCK

- 1 piece 1 x 6 (actual 3/4" x 5 1/2") 4' long
- 1 piece lath 5'
- 1/2" brads
- Yellow glue
- No. 8 fhws 1 1/4" long

ANGLE BLOCK

- 1 piece 1 x 6 (actual 3/4" x 5 1/2") 6' long
- 1 piece lath 8' long
- 1/2" brads
- Yellow glue
- No. 8 fhws 1 1/4" long

