

Sturdy Student Desk Is Do-It-Yourself Idea

Great-grandpa did his homework while stretched out awkwardly on the hearth beside an uncomfortably warm fire. Unless he enjoyed greater privilege than most kids of his time, he didn't have his own desk (not to mention a lamp).

Fortune smiles on 1955's youngsters for their Do-It-Yourself daddies think nothing of building them a desk, if need be. Maybe it won't be fancy, but it will be ample size and will have at least one drawer for pencils, papers and other much-used materials. Here's how Dad might build a simple table desk.

First, he would construct a frame section to support the top, and another to support the drawer. The first section also provides the sides for the finished table and guides for the drawers. It is made of 1x4-inch stock lumber, and all joints are with screwed and glued together.

The second frame section is built of 1x2-inch stock, also glued and screwed. Each outside frame member must be reached at the ends so that when joined together the corners of the frame will accommodate the table legs. Then drawer rails are inserted in notches cut in front and back of framework.

When the first frame section is placed on top of the second section, the drawer guides of No. 1 and drawer rails of No. 2 should come together properly to form a "seat" for the drawer.

Glue is now applied to the underside of No. 1 section and the two sections are drawn together tightly with screws driven from the underside of No. 2 section. The legs are then cut to length out of 3x3-inch stock, and inserted

into the assembled frame. The legs are fastened with glue and screws for extra rigidity.

The table-desk top measures 30 by 48 inches, which provides 1 1/2 inches overhang on all sides. If made of two 12-inch boards and one 6-inch board, there will be only two joints in the top to be filled with wood filler before finishing.

The desk top may be fastened to the framework with screws driven through the top, or with angle irons attached from below. Except for the drawer front, which is made of one-inch stock, the drawer is fabricated of half-inch wood. Wooden or metal drawer handles are obtainable from building supply dealers.

Choice of wood for the table-desk will depend largely upon the surroundings in which it is placed. Ideally, it should match the other furniture in the room.

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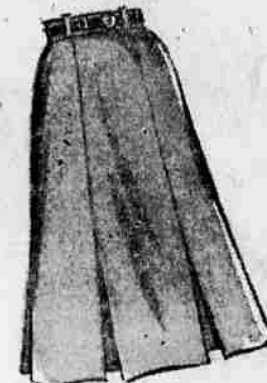


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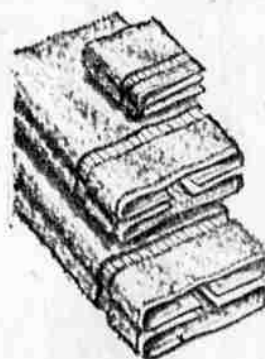
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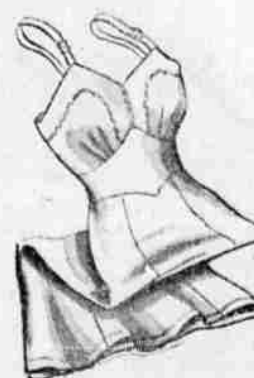
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