

Blanket Chest

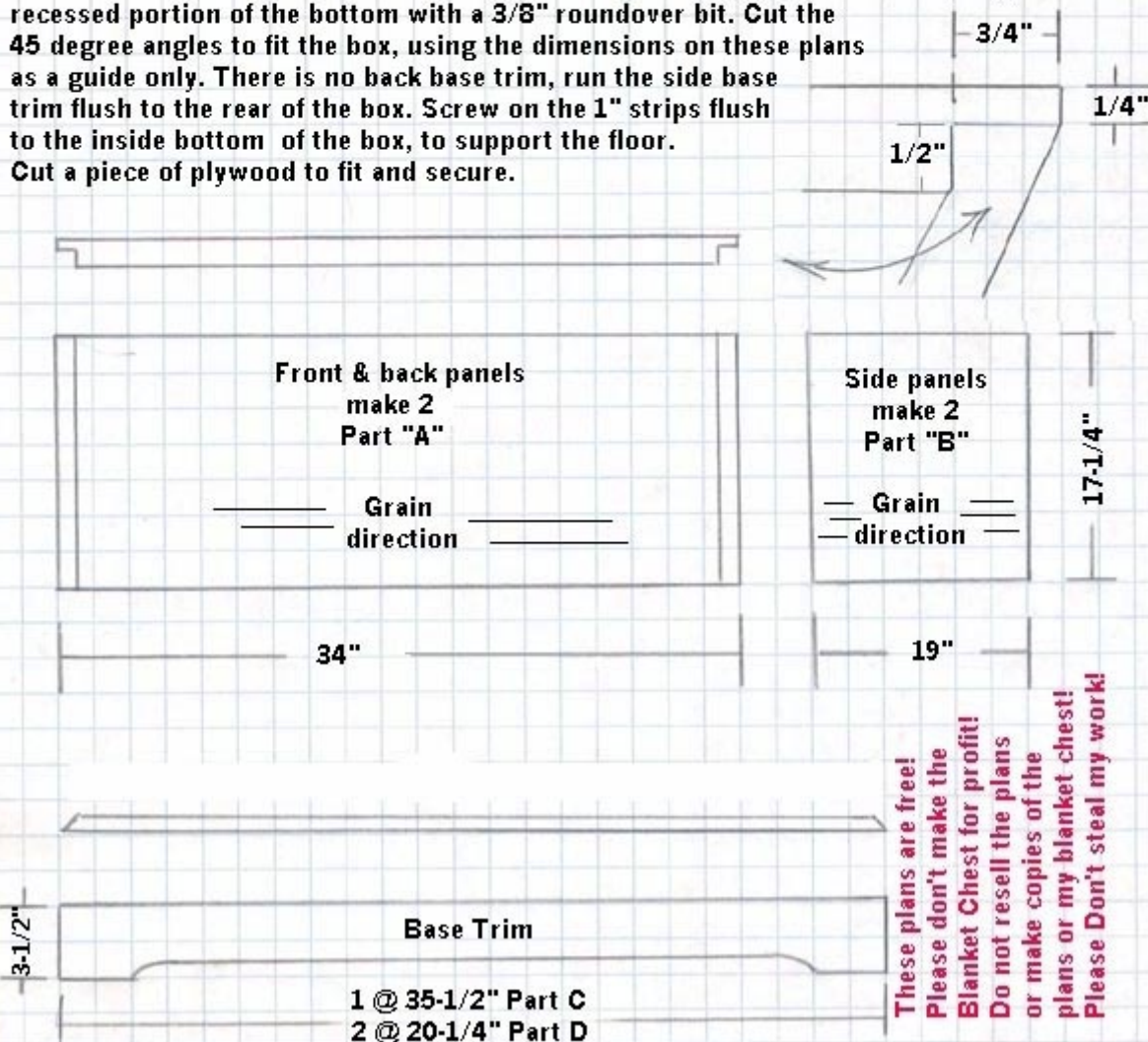
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Glue up front, back, and side panels larger than cut to size. Cut dados in the front and back. Sand all interiors before assembly. Cut base trim as illustrated. Rout the top edge and recessed portion of the bottom with a 3/8" roundover bit. Cut the 45 degree angles to fit the box, using the dimensions on these plans as a guide only. There is no back base trim, run the side base trim flush to the rear of the box. Screw on the 1" strips flush to the inside bottom of the box, to support the floor. Cut a piece of plywood to fit and secure.



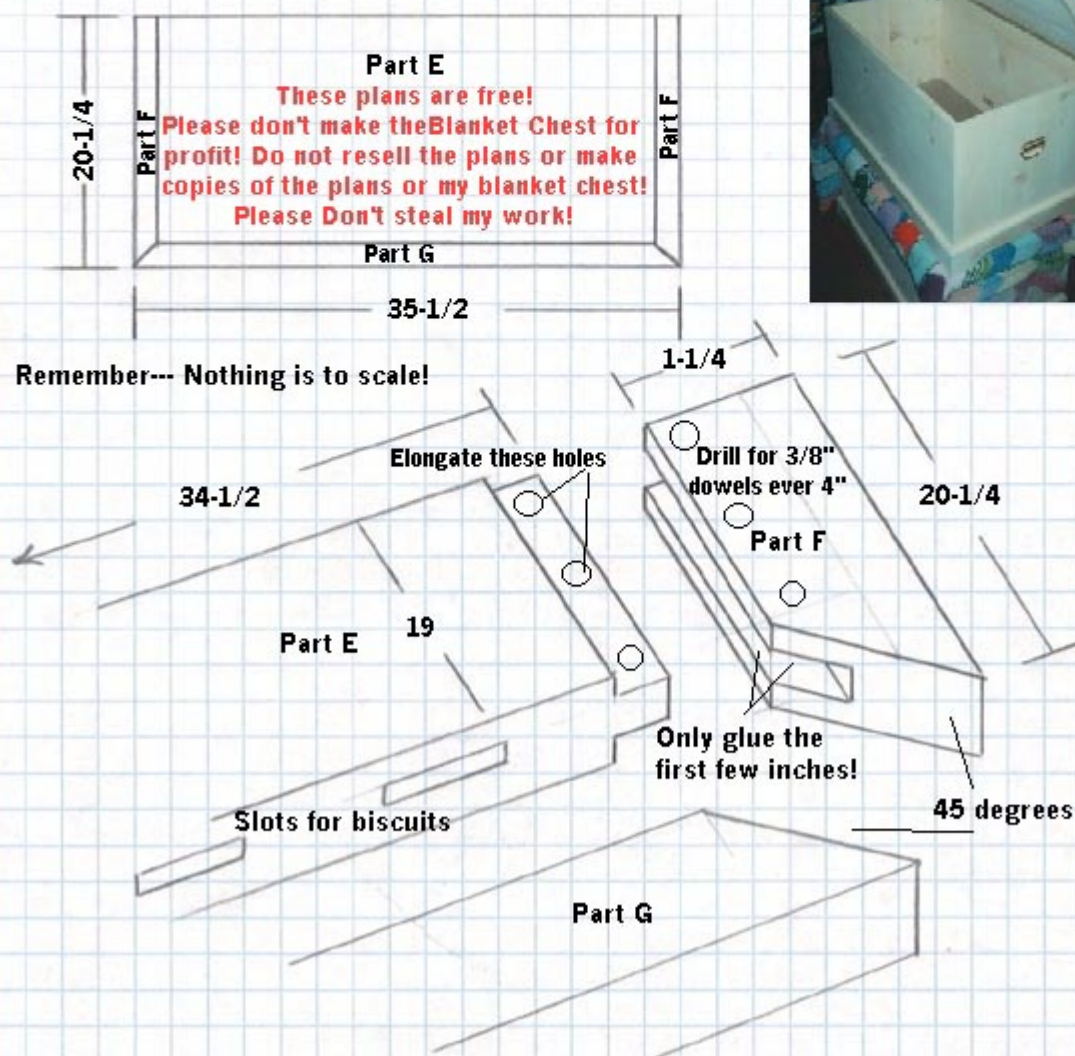
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Remember these plans are a guide to make this project. Use of your own common sense is required! Keep your fingers on your hands! Follow your tools operators instructions, don't do anything dumb!

All of the stock on my blanket chest is $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick solid wood. However if you want, $\frac{3}{4}$ " veneer plywood can be used on the top. If you use solid wood, besure to do a tounge and groove bread board edge. Only apply glue to the front few inches of this joint, use dowels to lock the tongue and groove together. Elongate the holes in the center and rear of the tongue to allow for movement. The front doesn't need to be done in this manner because the grain directions are the same. Besure to glue and dowel or biscuit these trim pieces at the 45 degree joint. If you use plywood, the bread board edge can be attached with dowels or biscuits. Plywood is stable and won't move. Remember, non of my drawings are to scale! Work safely and keep your fingers on your hands!



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Before you finish your blanket chest, mount the lid with a piano hinge. Cut the hinge two inches shorter than the width of the box. It's not necessary to cut a groove for the hinge to sit flush in, but you can for a tighter fit. Locate all the screw holes with an awl and predrill the holes. If you don't the heads on these tiny screws will strip! After you have the lid swinging, attach the lid supports following the directions that came with the support. The lid should stay in almost every position you leave it in. Next mount the handles to the sides. When your happy with all the hardware, remove it, and start sanding your blanket ches, and get it ready for finishing. Put all the hardware back on when your done.

These plans are free! Please don't make the blanket chest for profit!
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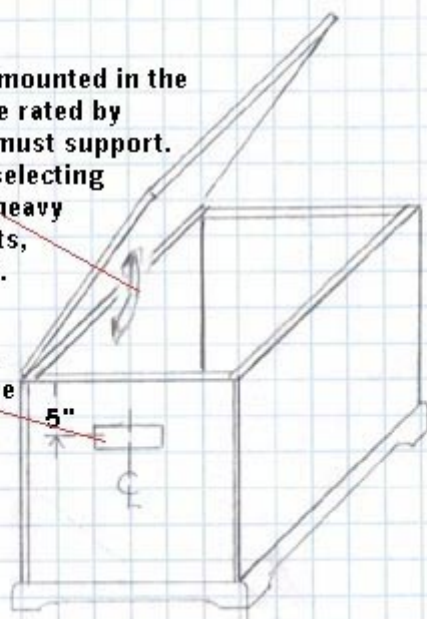
I hope you enjoyed building the Blanket Chest. I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

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Lid support works best if mounted in the center. These supports are rated by the weight of the lid they must support. Follow the directions for selecting the proper support. Very heavy lids may need two supports, one mounted on each side.

Install one handle on each side. Center the handle five inches below the lid.



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