

Glass Case Kit INSTRUCTIONS

KIT INCLUDES:

floor, four solid unfinished oak sides, and simple instructions

PROCEDURE:

1. Allow wood to acclimate to geographical area at least 48 hours as temperature and moisture differences can cause swelling or shrinking of the wood.
2. Stand wood side board up on flat surface and insert masonite board into pre-cut grooves. Line up 45° angles on ends of boards. Dry fit all pieces prior to gluing to assure boards line up and fit tightly.
3. Apply a generous amount of good quality carpenter's wood glue to corner joint surfaces. Assemble base as instructed above, pressing glue joints together. Bases with glass grooves on top need extra attention to make sure that the glass groove lines up.
4. Using 3/4 to 1 inch brads (recommended) or finish nail, nail each corner from both directions. Space brads approximately 1 inch apart. (a 3 inch base would have 2 brads on each side of each corner, 4 total) If a pneumatic nail gun is not available, we suggest using a strap clamp or corner clamp to hold the pieces together while nailing. We are often asked about biscuit joints in the corner, but have found that it makes it harder to line the corners correctly.
5. Allow the glue to dry. Most glues dry within one hour, but allow 24 hours for glue to cure before sanding.
6. Using a nail set or nail punch, set all nails that may be exposed.
7. Apply sandable putty in nail holes and on corners and allow to dry.
8. Sand entire base by hand using 150 grit sand paper.
9. Apply finish of your choice. A high finish gloss finish looks best on the small projects.
10. If a glass top is to be used, have a competent glass cutter do the work as this can make a big difference in the finished project. Standard glass grooves are cut for 1/8 inch glass. Real glass looks much better than plexi-glass.

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