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HERB DRYING RACK



Whether or not you are an herb gardener, you will enjoy the rustic flavor this herb drying rack will add to your kitchen. Designed after a much larger Shaker herb rack, this project can be used to display dried flowers, hanging pots, or whatever else your imagination can muster. The rack is designed to be fastened to a wall. When not in use, the horizontal drying bars fold conveniently against the wall, out of the way of traffic. When in use for the summer herb harvest, it provides a handy place to hang bundles of herbs. Best of all, the simplicity of design allows this project to be completed in an afternoon, with basic hand or power tools. The dimensions can be lengthened or shortened to suit individual tastes.

1. Cut all the pieces to size.
2. Round the front edges of the top and bottom end pieces (B) on a jigsaw or bandsaw.
3. Drill a 1/2"-diameter hole, 3/8" deep, in the middle of the top surface of the bottom end piece and the bottom surface of the top end piece. NOTE: Drill the holes about 2" away from the back edge to allow the horizontal pieces (C) to pivot without hitting the wall piece (A).
4. Drill a 1/2" hole through the center of each horizontal piece, 1" from the back edge for insertion of the support dowel (D).
5. Cut a 3/8"-deep * 3/4"-wide rabbet on the back edge of the top and bottom end pieces for joining to the wall piece.
6. Cut a tapering chamfer on all four edges of each horizontal piece. Start the chamfer 5" in from the back edge of the piece, increasing the taper to a full 1/4" at the front edge.
7. Drill dowel holes in the support dowel at the desired positions underneath the horizontal pieces (as shown).
8. Sand all pieces. If the support dowel fits too tightly, sand it. Do not redrill the holes or you risk making the horizontal pieces fit in a flimsy way.
9. Assemble the horizontal pieces

on the support dowel, place the dowel in the holes in the top and bottom end pieces, then glue and nail the end and wall pieces together.

10. Finish as desired.

LIST OF MATERIALS	
(finished dimensions in inches)	
A	Wall piece 3/4 × 3-1/2 × 23-3/4
B	End pieces (2) 3/4 × 3-1/2 × 4
C	Horizontal pieces (6) 3/4 × 1-1/4 × 20
D	Support dowel 1/2 dia. × 23-3/4
	1/8-dia. × 3/4 dowels
	4d finishing nails
	Wood glue

