

Build a Framed Corkboard for Display

My boyfriend wanted a cool place to display pictures of places we've hiked. He's not a "fancy picture frame" type of guy and suggested a large cork board with a wood frame. What a great idea! I got to work drawing plans and building him an awesome display piece for his wall...

Tools:

- Kreg jig & 1-1/4" pocket hole screws
- Drill
- Saw – Circular, Jig or Miter
- Router with a 3/8" rabbeting bit
- Glue

Materials:

- 2 – 1x4 at 6'
- Large Corkboard
- Sawtooth picture hangers
- Finishing supplies of your choice

Let's get started!

The length of the corkboard is 36". I cut two pieces of the 1x4 at 42-1/4" which is the length of the corkboard plus 7" (the width of the lumber times two) minus 3/4" (3/8" rabbet times two). If it is slightly bigger, no problem! It is OK to have a little wiggle room anyway! I cut two more pieces of the 1x4 at 15-1/4" with the math being a little different. These pieces are the width of the corkboard minus 3/4" (3/8" rabbet times two) only.

Set your Kreg jig for 3/4" material and drill two pocket holes in each end of the shorter boards. Place the holes at least 1" from the inside of the frame to allow for the rabbet, you

don't want the router to hit the screws! Make sure the frame is square and assemble with glue and 1-1/4" pocket hole screws.



Using the router and the rabbeting bit, set the depth to the thickness of the bit. If the corkboard is a little thicker, you will have to make two passes. In other words, if the bit is 3/8" deep and your corkboard is 1/2", you will have to make one pass with the router bit set at 3/8" deep, and another pass at with it set at 1/2" deep. My corkboard is 3/8" thick. I will make one pass with the router and glue it in place.



Finish the frame first before adding the corkboard. I stained it with Rust-Oleum Ultimate Wood Stain in Sunbleached, then sealed it with Rust-Oleum Ultimate Polyurethane in Matte.

The corners of your frame can be squared with a chisel or the corners of the corkboard can be cut off. Glue it in place.



Once the glue is dry, add the sawtooth hangers to the back. Hang it and now you have a great place to display your pictures!



Until next time,

Happy Creating!

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P.S. Remember the post about the Framed Mirror? I took the other half of the mirror and created a shorter version. What do you think?

