



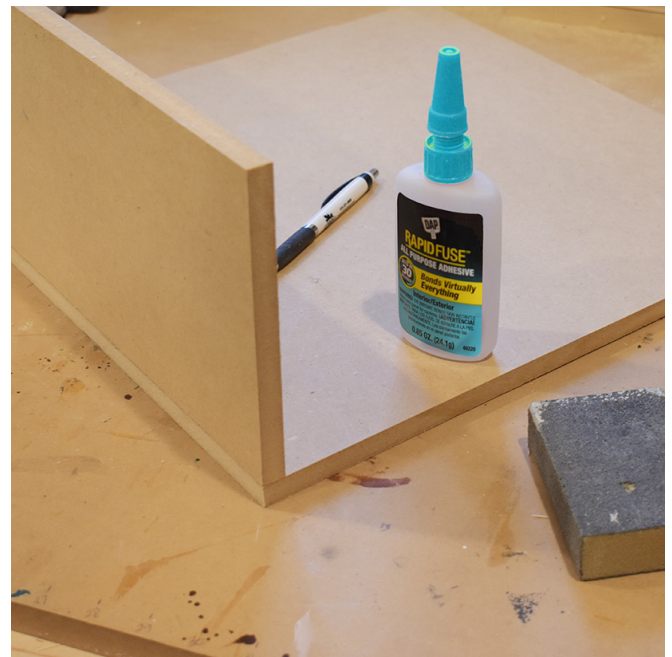
DIY Side Table or Nightstand

Items you will need to create this Side Table :

- DAP RapidFuse All Purpose Adhesive
- DAP Wood filler in Natural (optional)
- DAP Plaster of Paris
- (2) 1" x 4" x 6' pieces of Pine (or one 1" x 4" x 8' board will work instead)
- (1) 2" x 2" x 8' piece of wood
- 2' x 2' piece of MDF
- Drill and wire brush bit
- #8 1" screws
- Nail gun and 1 1/4" nails
- Sanding block
- Miter saw - or any saw to make straight cuts
- Safety gloves
- Safety goggles
- Drywall mask for breathing protection
- clamps
- Plastic scraper
- Optional sanding block

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut your MDF into a 17" x 17" square. This will be the bottom of the box/shelf of your side table. Cut (2) side pieces for the box at 17" x 6". Use Rapid-Fuse All Purpose Adhesive and glue the sides to the bottom of the box and clamp together.
2. Use #8 1" screws to also screw the bottom of the box to each of the side pieces - four on each side.

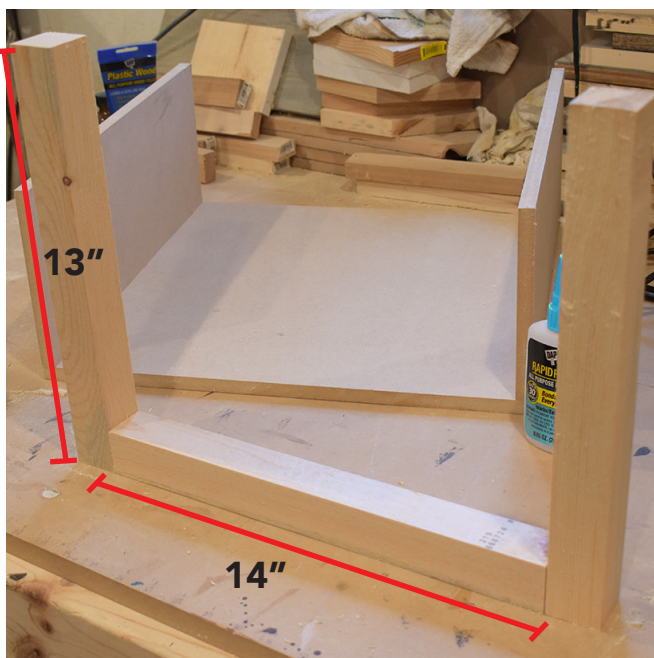


3. Wear safety gloves, eye and breathing protection for this next step. Attach your wire brush drill bit to your drill. Clamp your 1" x 4" x 6' boards to your work surface so the force of the wire brush doesn't move your board around as you work. Turn the drill on and let the wire brush skim the top of the board. No need to push down too hard, as pine is very soft wood and the grain should reveal itself quickly.

4. Once you have worked your way down the length of one entire board, and 17" of the second board, get out your stain(s). We used Rustoleum stains in Driftwood and American Walnut. We did three coats of stain, using Driftwood first, American Walnut second, and Driftwood once again. Set aside your boards to dry.



5. While your 1" x 4" boards dry, you can finish the leg construction. Cut your 2" x 2" board - (4) 13" long pieces and (2) 14" long pieces. Use RapidFuse to glue the pieces together as shown and clamp until dry.





6. Go back to your 1" x 4" boards. You will want something underneath your boards to keep your work surface from getting Plaster of Paris on it. (Tip: We used pizza boxes!) Mix together a 1.5 P.O.P. to 1 water ratio Plaster of Paris mixture. Use a scraper to apply the mixture generously to your boards, making sure to push into all of the grooves you created with the wire brush. Then use the flat edge of the scraper to pull off any excess P.O.P. mixture that is sitting on top to let the stained grain show through. Set aside to dry.

7. The legs should be dry by now, so remove the clamps and screw the box to the legs. The legs should run along the sides of your box. If you want to paint your box and legs, do this now.

8. Once your 1" x 4" boards are dry, you can opt to use a sanding block to softly remove any excess Plaster of Paris that is on top of your boards. Cut (5) pieces at 17" long. Use RapidFuse to adhere them to the top of your box and clamp. We also reinforced the top with a nail gun and 1 1/4" nails.

