

The Baseball Equipment Holder



Here's a clever little item that's perfect for holding any child's or adult's baseball, bat and glove.

We built ours from pine with birch shaker pegs, but you could also make hem from oak, cherry or other, “higher-class” woods.

To make these, you'll need a scroll saw or bandsaw, a drill press (with 1/8" and 1/2" diameter bits), a pad sander and a drum sander.

1. Transfer the pattern below to a piece of cardboard using a 1/2" grid pattern. Cut out your template.
2. Trace your template onto a piece of 1/8" or 1/4" hardboard (Masonite) and mark the locations of the (5) peg holes and (20) rawhide lace holes.
3. Cut out your pattern using a scroll saw or bandsaw and a thin blade. **TAKE YOUR TIME** when cutting out your pattern to be sure it's just right and you don't bind the blade. Remember, the holders you make to sell will only be as well-done as the pattern you use to draw them out.
4. Drill 1/2" deep stopped holes at all marked peg and lace locations using a 1/8" bit.
5. Trace your pattern onto a 3/4" thick piece of stock. Use a nail or 1/8" bit in a portable drill to transfer all hole locations to your workpiece. **NOTE:** To save time when cutting, you can stack four or five blanks together with double-sided tape and “pad saw” them all at once using your bandsaw and a 1/16" blade. Or, if you prefer, you could pad saw up to two holders at once using your scroll saw.
6. Use a hand-held pad sander to smooth the surfaces of the glove, using 150 to 220-grit sandpaper.
7. Use your drill press and a drum sander to smooth the outer edges of the holder.
8. For wall mounting, attach screw eyes and a picture hanging wire...sawtooth hangers or picture hanging tabs to the back. As an option, you could use a router with a T-Slot Bit to create hanging slots in the back side.

- 9.** Glue the pegs into place by applying glue sparingly to the holes and not the pegs.
- 10.** Stain as desired and apply two coats of the finish of your choice, sanding lightly between coats.
- 11.** Cut a rawhide shoe string to the appropriate lengths to criss-cross the fingers. Apply glue into the lace holes with a toothpick and insert the rawhide