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CANDLE STANDS



Candles lend elegance and beauty to any occasion, and these attractive wooden candle stands will enhance all your candlelit moments.

1. This project is designed to be made from a 6' length of 1 x 10 with little waste of materials. A dark wood, such as walnut, is particularly nice, but pick the material you prefer.

2. Begin by cutting off a 12-1/2" length for the base (D). To minimize cupping, rip this piece into two or three pieces, square the edges, then glue the pieces back together, alternating the direction of the growth rings from piece to piece.

3. Next, cut a 33" length from the board. Rip the piece down the middle, then cut each half into three equal lengths. Face laminate the six pieces to create a blank for the large stand (A).

4. Rip a 2-1/4"-wide piece off the remainder of the board. Cut it into three equal lengths. Face laminate the three pieces to create a blank for the small stand (C).

5. Rip the rest of the board down the middle, then cut two equal lengths out of each half. Face laminate the four pieces to create a blank for the medium stand (B).

6. After the glue has dried, square up the four sides of each block. Cut the blocks to the finished dimensions in the list, then sand both

ends smooth on each. Center and drill 3/8"-diameter holes 3/4" deep into the bottom of each for later mounting on the base.

7. Make full-size templates for the blocks out of stiff cardboard or thin plywood. Trace the pattern onto two adjacent sides of each block.

8. Cut the blocks to their final shape on a bandsaw. Cut carefully along the lines on one face, then tape the waste back in place, flip the block 90°, and cut along the lines on the other marked face.

9. Cut the base to its final width and length, beveling the edges in about 15° toward the upper face.

10. Arrange the stands on the base and mark their position. Center and drill 3/8"-diameter holes through the base at the appropriate points for inserting the mounting dowels (E).

11. Sand the stands and base smooth, then assemble using glue and 3/8"-diameter dowels. After the glue dries, remove any dowel protruding through the bottom of the base. Apply your choice of finish.

