

# Wooden Saddle Stand

## Tools

- Saw
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Drill & small drill bit
- Hammer
- Screwdriver

## Materials (required)

- 1"x12"x12' (1)
- 1"x3"x10' furring strip (1)
- 1 1/2" nails/screws (40-50)

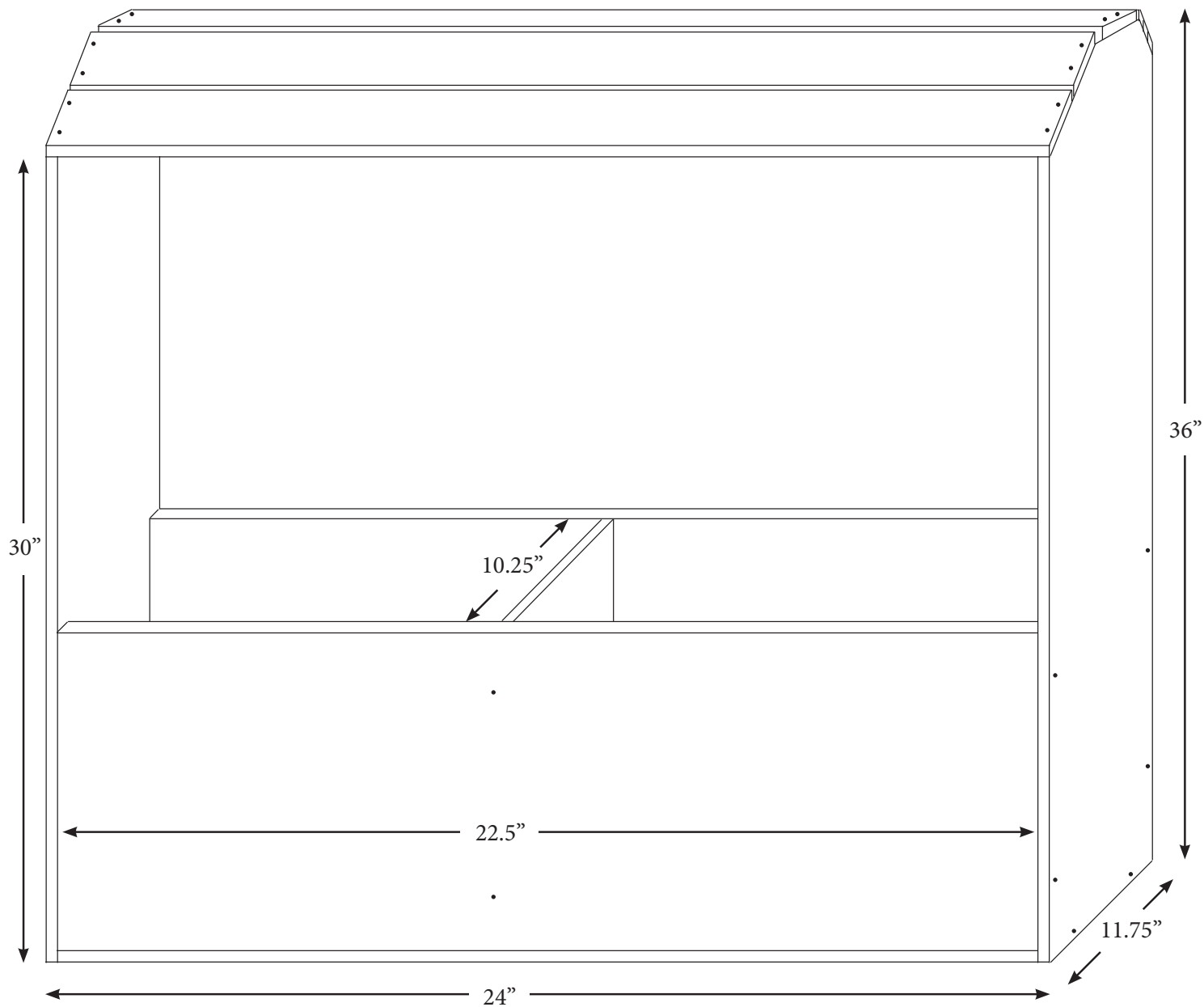
## Materials (optional)

- Paint or stain
- Fabric
- Foam
- Double sided fabric tape
- Upholstery tacks



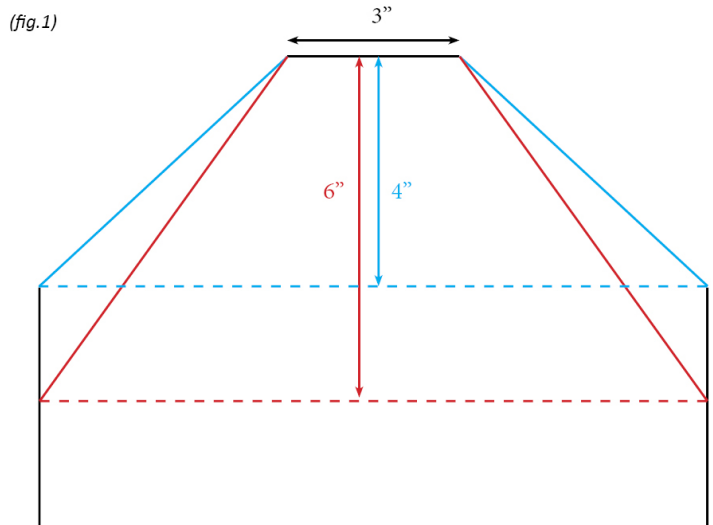
## Notes

- I used 1" untreated pine boards for this stand, which measure 3/4" thick by 11 1/4" wide. If your boards are thicker or thinner, you will need to measure your assembled stand before cutting your box divider and the furring strips for the top.
- You can cut the end pieces taller or shorter if desired. A taller stand is nice to have around for cleaning and conditioning your tack, or a short stand can be used in the back of a truck or SUV. If you are making your stand shorter than 30" tall you will need to use a narrower board for the box sides (1" x 8" or 1" x 6").

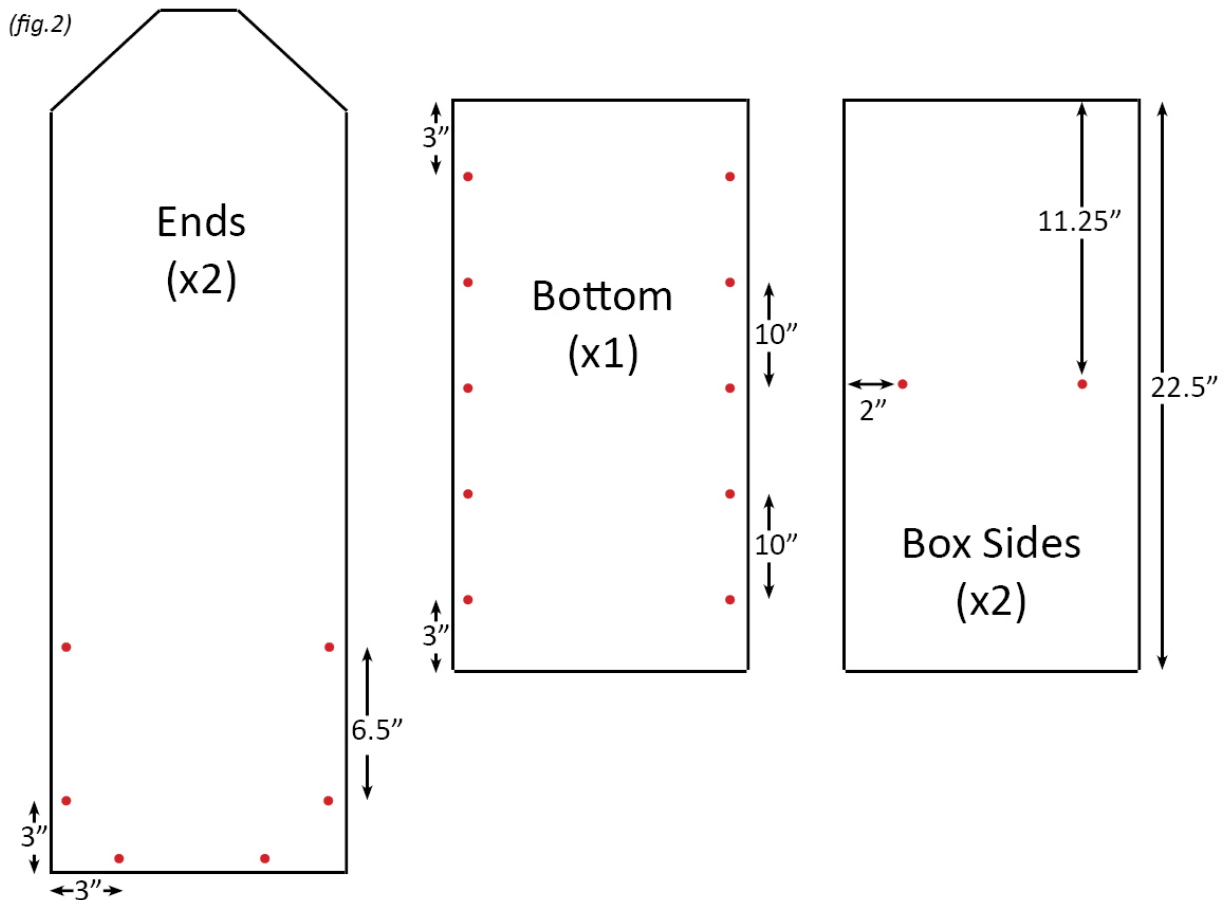


## Assembly

1. Measure, mark, and cut 1x12 boards.  
Cut two 36" lengths, three 22.5" lengths, and one 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ " length. Cut corners of one end of the 36" boards (fig.1). *Note: If your stand is intended for a **narrow** saddle, measure 6" from the end of the board to create steeper angles. For **medium to wide** saddles, measure 4" down.*



2. Pre-drill **nail/screw holes** in the ends, bottom, and box sides as pictured (fig.2).



3. Assemble box portion of stand. Start by attaching the ends to the bottom, being careful to line up all edges neatly. Either set the box sides out of your way until you need them, or you can use them to balance and support the ends while you nail or screw them to the bottom. Once both ends are secure, add the box sides, then the divider. *If desired, add additional dividers now.*

4. Measure the top of your stand between the peak of the two ends, including the thickness of the boards. This should be close to 24", but if it isn't just cut your furring strips to fit. One strip will lay level along the top of the stand, with two more strips at an angle on either side.
5. Pre-drill holes in the ends of the furring strips and attach to your stand, starting with the center strip. Space the others evenly. If your saddle is often wet after a ride, leaving gaps between the furring strips will allow more air flow under the saddle.
6. If desired you can sand and paint your stand, and once dry, cover the top with a fabric and foam pad to help protect your saddle from dents.

### How to Add Padding

1. Measure the surface to be covered using a flexible tape measure. Cut a piece of foam to this size. Cut a piece of fabric 4" longer and 4" wider than your foam.
2. To create the pad, use double sided fabric tape to secure the foam to the center of the underside of your fabric. Fold the excess fabric over the edges and secure with more tape or glue.
3. Attach your pad to the top of your stand with upholstery tacks around the edges.

