

Rolling Cart for Rolled Goods

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Air Compressor Cart

My husband, Rob, does the upholstery in our business, but he's also great at coming up with ways to corral all the miscellaneous equipment and supplies that are necessary in our line of work. One of my favorites is the rolling cart he made to hold our compressor and pneumatic stapler. It has hooks on the side for extra staplers, and even has an angled shelf for extra boxes of staples (see photo above).

When I came down to the shop one day ready to work, I saw that he had now made himself a rolling cart to hold the rolled goods that he uses for upholstery: tack strip, jute and so on (see page 18, bottom right). I decided that, of course, I needed one, too. After all, I have a lot of rolled goods and they were not organized well at all, but stashed all over the workroom wherever I could find a spot.

He built the cart first, then had me put all the goods on the top tray, in the groups that I wanted them in. From there he figured out the spacing needed and added the rods that the rolled goods are threaded onto. We left one side open for access to the bottom tray (see page 18, top left).

The sizes listed are what we used; you may need to adjust for your workroom size and the quantity and sizes of the rolled goods you'll be storing.

Assembly

1. For the bottom tray, using screws, frame one piece of plywood with the side boards. Use two 24-inch pieces and two 25 1/2-inch pieces, keeping the

Materials and Supplies

Trays — two pieces of 1/2-inch plywood, 24x24 inches

Tray Sides — four pieces of 1x4 lumber, 24 inches
four pieces of 1x4 lumber, 25 1/2 inches

Risers — four pieces of 1x4 lumber, 29 inches

Rods for Rolled Goods — Threaded rod in a size to fit your goods (we used 3/8-inch for most and 5/16-inch for the zipper rolls)

Cup Hooks — two per rod

Nuts — two per rod to fit rod

Four Locking Casters

bottom of the plywood and the bottom edges of the side boards flush. The finished piece will look like a box with no top.

2. Attach the risers to the inside of the framing pieces of the bottom tray with screws. Use wood glue at the corners for added strength.

3. Lay the top plywood piece over two pieces of scrap 2x4. Holding the remaining side board pieces perpendicular to the plywood, mark a horizontal line on the outside of the boards at the height of the plywood to help you to hit the edge of the plywood. Attach the side pieces to the plywood with screws. This piece will have a lip on the top of the tray and also on the bottom for attaching the risers.

4. Lay the top tray onto the top of the risers and attach to the sides with screws. Use wood glue at the corners for added strength.

5. Add casters to the bottom tray.

6. Attach cup hooks to the risers at intervals to fit your rolled goods. You can also add vertical boards that hang behind the rods with screws or cup hooks attached to help hold the rods straight if necessary. This is probably not needed if you are using rod that is larger than 1/4 inch.

7. Add your rolled goods and lay the rods in the cup hooks. Screw the nuts onto the rod ends to keep them from slipping off the risers. ☺



Rolled Goods Cart View 1



Rolled Goods Cart View 4



Rolled Goods Cart View 2



Rolled Goods Cart View 3



Upholstery Goods Cart