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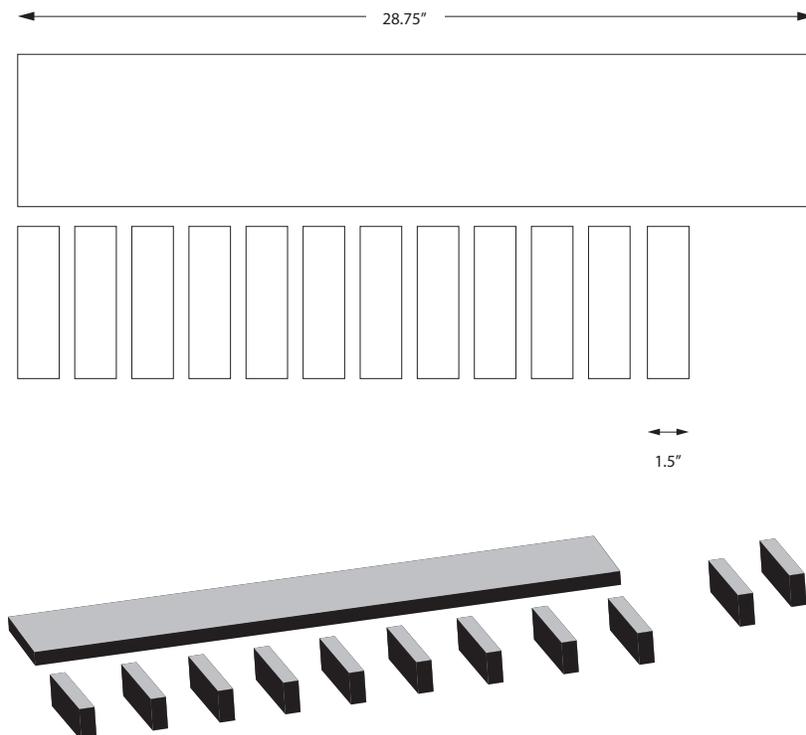
To build the hotdog caddy, you'll need a few basic items:

Materials

1. A 4' long piece of 1x4 lumber (a 1x4 is 3/4" thick and 5 1/2" wide). You can use a variety of types of wood (poplar, oak, pine). Most home center stores will carry either a 4' length or will cut a larger piece down for you (and charge you by the foot). If this is your first time working on a project like this, you might want to get a little extra wood (4 1/2' versus on 4').
2. White wood glue (Elmer's Glue will work just fine)
3. 18 - 1 1/2" Finishing Nails
4. A wide base mitre box (at least a 5 1/2" wide slot) and hand saw; or electric miter saw
5. Measuring tape and pencil
6. Sandpaper (100 grit and 220 grit)
7. Salad bowl finish* or mineral oil
8. Clamps (optional)

Step 1

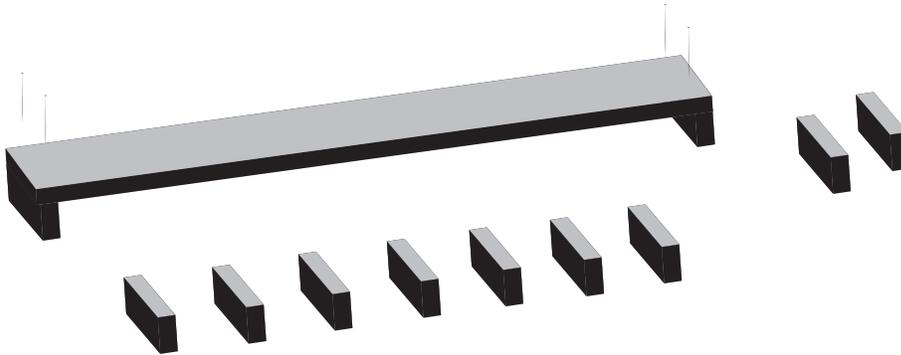
Measure and cut 11 - 1 1/2" long pieces from one end of the board. Then, cut the remaining piece to 28 3/4". Lightly sand all the pieces with the 100 grit sandpaper.



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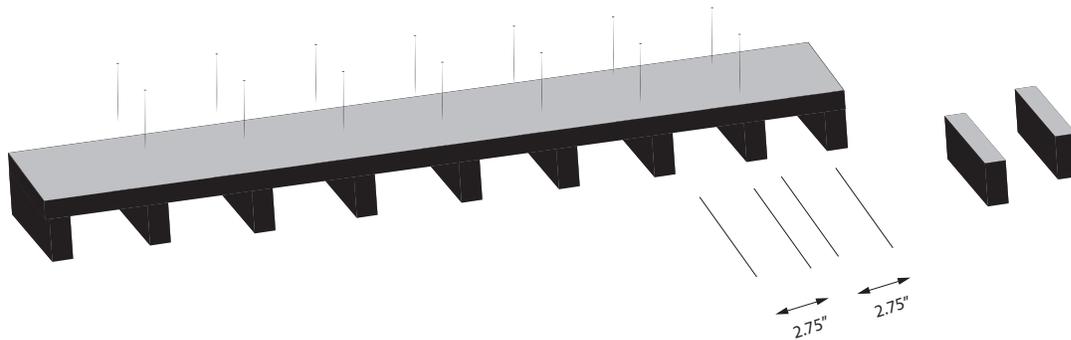
Step 2

Take two small pieces and place them under the ends of the long piece for positioning. Remove one piece and place a bead of glue on the top of it. Put the piece back in place and line it up flush with the edge of the long board. Nail the piece to the long board using two finishing nails. Repeat the gluing process with the second piece.



Step 3

Mark a point on the long board $2\frac{3}{4}$ " away from one of the small end pieces. Mark it on the front and back of the long board. Take another small piece, add a bead of glue and then line it up at the two $2\frac{3}{4}$ " marks. Nail it in place with two finishing nails. Repeat this process until you've attached all 9 pieces.



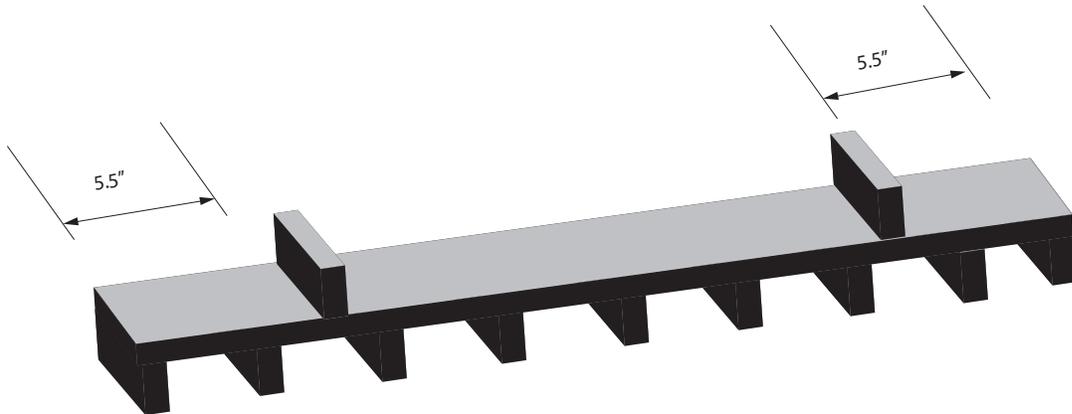
Step 4

Mark a point $5\frac{1}{2}$ " from both ends of the long piece. Mark that point on both the front and back of the long piece. Turn the caddy over and place it on a flat surface. Add a bead of glue to the top of each remaining short piece. Lift the caddy up and place the short pieces at the marked points. At this point you can carefully put two heavy weights (like books, or bricks, or anything that can press the caddy into the foot pieces) on top of the caddy directly over the two pieces to hold them in place. Let the caddy sit for 8 hours or overnight.



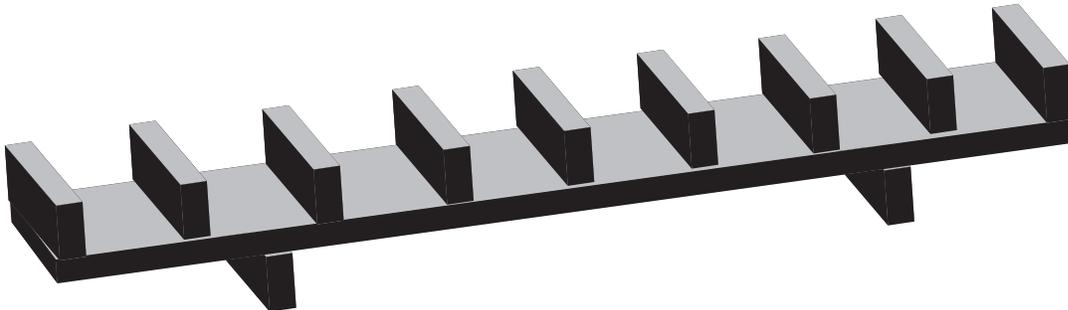
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until the glue has set. (if you have clamps, you can add the short pieces to the caddy while it is still upside down and simply clamp them in place to set).



Step 5

Once the glue has set, sand the piece again with the 100 grit sandpaper and then with the 220 grit sand paper.



Step 6

To finish the piece, rub a few coats of salad oil finish or mineral oil into the wood with a clean cloth and allow it to dry for 72 hours before using. *Salad bowl finish is available online from a variety of sources (you can also get it locally at Rockler - go to www.rockler.com for store location). Mineral oil is available at your local pharmacy.

