

# WorkshopTips™

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## Instant workbench

**G**o on, take an hour to build reader Jared Vergith's sturdy, simple workbench from a single sheet of 3/4-in. plywood. Then spend only a couple of seconds tapping it together whenever you need it. It can hold heavy power tools, large project assemblies or even that old outboard motor you're overhauling.

Cutting list:

- Two 38-in. x 8-in. stretchers
- Two 27-1/2-in. x 23-in. legs
- One 48-in. x 30-in. top
- Two 26-in. x 3/4-in. x 3/4-in. side cleats
- Two 12-in. x 3/4-in. x 3/4-in. end cleats

Saw 4-in. x 3/4-in. notches in the legs and stretchers, spacing them 3 in. in from the edge on the legs and 4 in. in from the ends on the stretchers. Tap them together to create an interlocked base. Lay the top upside down on the floor, then position the base so the top overhangs all four sides equally. Screw cleats on the top so they will fit just inside the base. Position them slightly away from the base to make assembly easy. Stand everything right side up and put your instant workbench to work!

