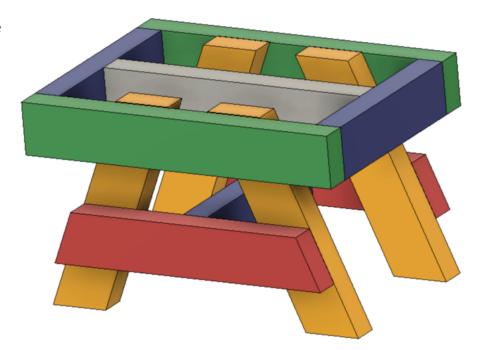
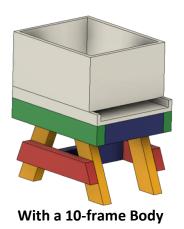
This hive stand is for Langstroth beehives. The design is to raise your hive off the ground 16".

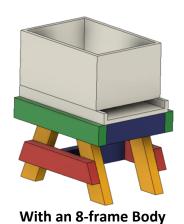
The size of the bottom boards for Langstroth hives are:

| Frame Size    | Width                           | Length |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 10-Frame      | 16 ¼"                           |        |
| 8-Frame       | 14"                             | 22"    |
| 5-Frame / NUC | 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " |        |

Regardless of the size, a common width is recommended. If it were too thin (e.g., for the 5-frame NUC), it might not present the stability needed.









## **Bill of Materials**

Parts required for building this are below.

| Item |                  |     |      |                            |
|------|------------------|-----|------|----------------------------|
| #    | Item             | Qty |      | Comments                   |
| 1    | 2" x 4" x 8'     | 3   | ea   |                            |
|      | Pressure Treated |     |      |                            |
| 2    | Deck Screws, #9  | 24  | ea   |                            |
|      | 2 ½" long        |     |      |                            |
| 3    | Wood stain       | 1   | pint | e.g., Minwax's Dark Walnut |

# **Tools Needed**

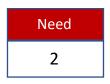
- Saw I recommend a power mitre saw, though a hand saw could be used.
- Drill, with a <sup>5</sup>/<sub>32</sub>" drill bit
- Impact Driver, with the bit for the deck screws being used (e.g., T-25).

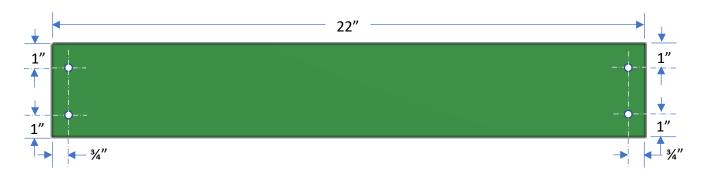
# Cut the pieces needed

These are all cut from the pressure treated 2x4s.

### Top Board #1

These are green in the picture on the 1<sup>st</sup> page.



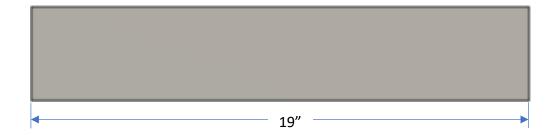


- Each 2x4 is to be 22" long.
  - $\circ$  They could be a bit longer if you wish. 22  $^{3}/_{8}$ " is a good length.
- Locations for pre-drilling holes are marked ¾" in from the ends; 1" in from each side. The holes should be drilled using a 5/32" drill.
- 2 are needed

### Top Board #3

This is gray in the picture on the 1st page.





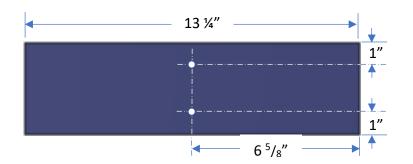
- Each 2x4 is to be 19" long.
- 1 is needed, but this is optional.
- No pre-drilling is needed.

#### Top Board #2 & Center Brace

These are blue in the picture on the 1st page.

| Need |  |
|------|--|
| 3    |  |

| Frame Size    | Length                          |  |  |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 10-Frame      | 13 ¼"                           |  |  |
| 8-Frame       | 11"                             |  |  |
| 5-Frame / NUC | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " |  |  |

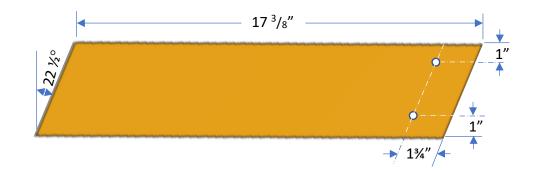


- Each 2x4 is to be 13 ¼" long.
  - o If you do want to make the stands narrower for 8-frame or 5-frame supers, the lengths for this piece are in the table above.
- Locations for pre-drilling holes are marked centered left to right, & 1" in from each side. The holes should be drilled using a  $\frac{5}{32}$ " drill.
- 3 are needed.

Legs

These are yellow in the picture on the 1st page.

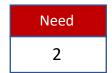
| Need |   |  |  |  |
|------|---|--|--|--|
|      | 4 |  |  |  |

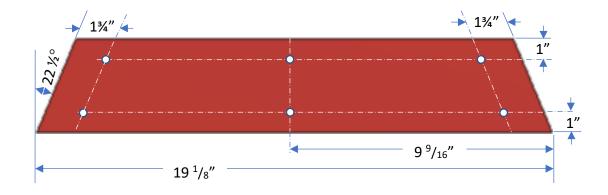


- Each 2x4 is to be  $17 \frac{3}{8}$  long.
- Both ends are cut at 22.5°.
- Locations for pre-drilling holes are marked 1 ¾" in from one end; 1" in from each side. The holes should be drilled using a 5/32" drill.
- 4 are needed.

### **Leg Cross Brace**

These are red in the picture on the 1st page.





- Each 2x4 is to be 19 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" long.
- Both ends are cut at 22 ½°.
- Locations for pre-drilling holes are marked. The holes should be drilled using a  $\frac{5}{32}$ " drill.
  - o 1 ¾" in from each end; 1" in from each side
  - o Centered left to right, and 1" in from each side.
- 2 are needed.

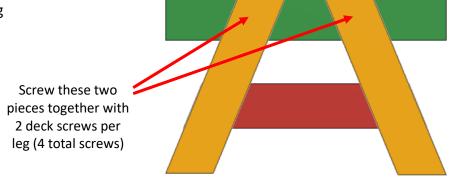
## Stain the Wood

Staining the wood pieces is easier before assembly. I recommend a dark color such as Minwax's Dark Walnut.

## **Build Each Side**

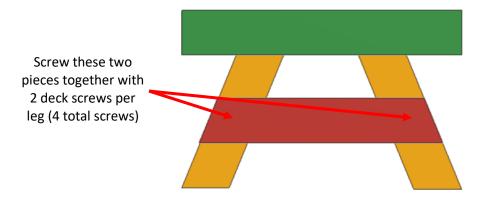
Screw the legs (yellow pieces) to the top board (green piece), using the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " deck screws.

Use the cross brace (the red piece) to hold the two legs at the right position.



Flip everything over.

Screw the cross brace (red piece) to the legs (yellow pieces) using the 2 ½" deck screws



## Finish the Assembly

Add the 3 cross boards.

Screw the first two cross boards (blue pieces) to the other top boards (green pieces) using the 2 ½" deck screws

Screw the last cross board (blue piece) to the leg cross brace board (red piece) using the 2 ½" deck screws

The gray cross board in the top center is not required but may be a good idea if this is to be used for 5-frame NUC boxes. If using this board, screw that into place by screwing thru the cross board (blue pieces) using the 2 ½" deck screws

