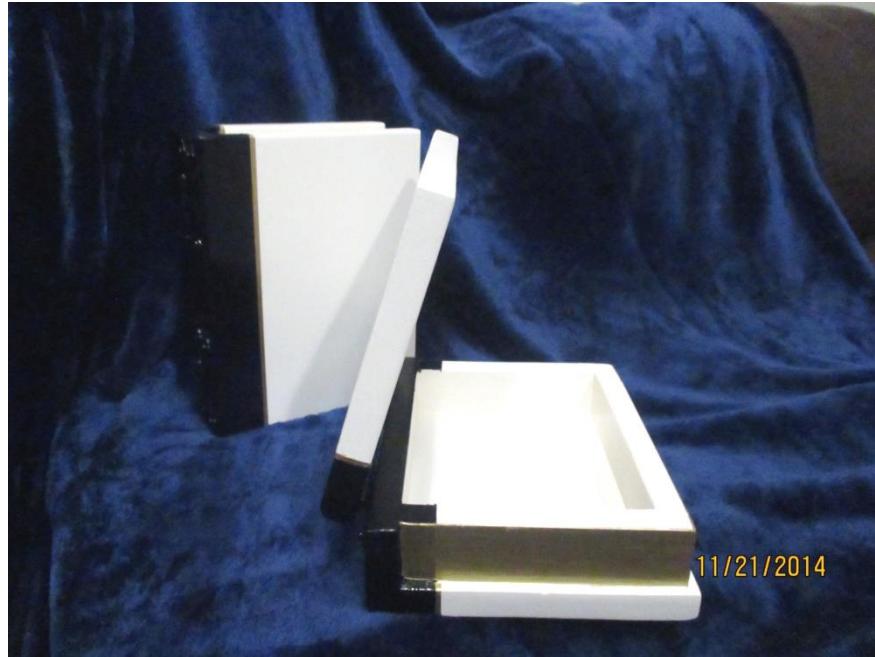
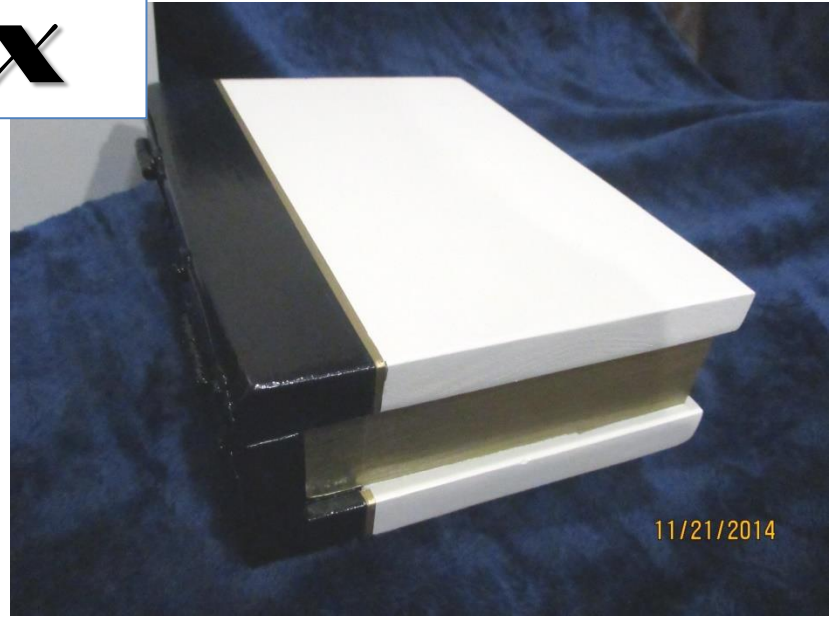
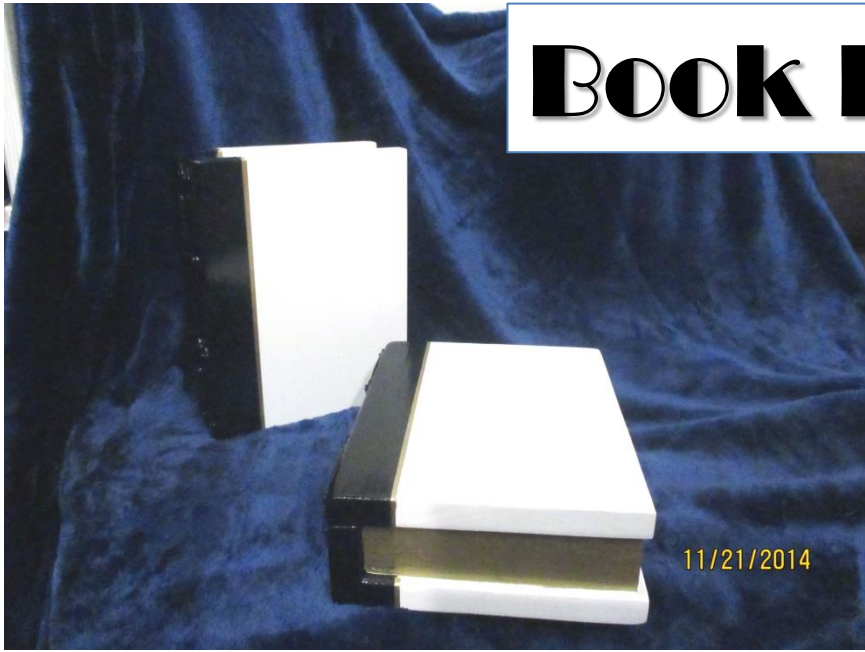


BOOK BOX



Book Box

Shopping list:

1 pc 1x8 @ 2'

1 pc 1x2 @ 3'

Wood glue

1 ¼" finish nails

1 set flat hinges (no wider than 1 ½", and no longer than 4")

Finishing materials (sandpaper, filler, tape, and paint or stain for desired finish)

Cut List:

Top/bottom: 2 pc 1x8 @ 9 ¼"

Back: 1 pc 1x2 @ 9 ¼"

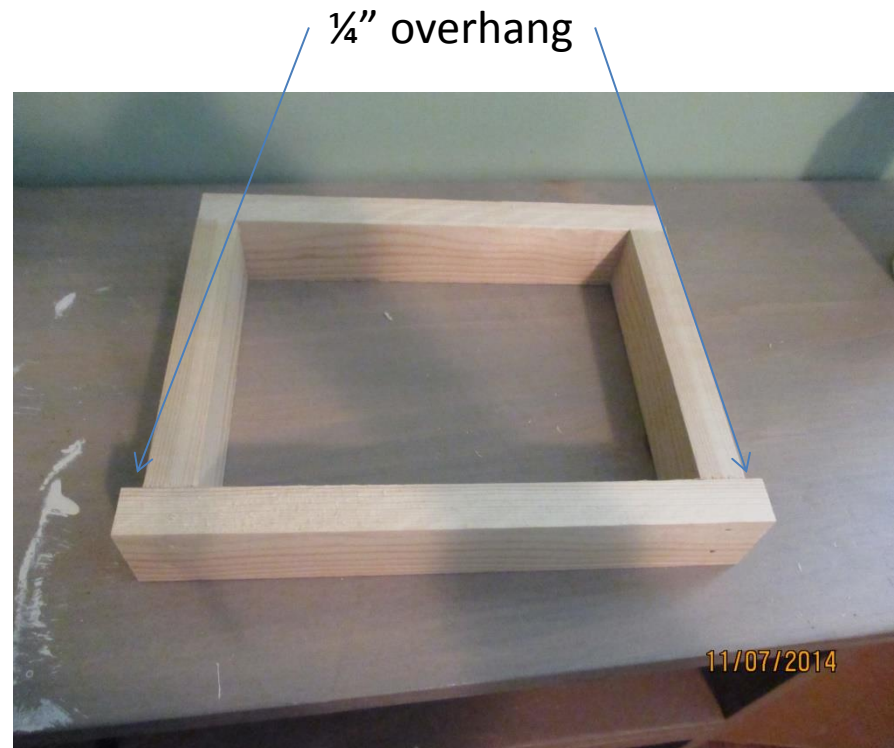
Sides: 2 pc 1x2 @ 5 ½"

Front: 1 pc 1x2 @ 8 ¾"



1. Attach front to sides with glue and 1 ¼" finish nails, keeping outside and top/bottom edges flush.

2. The "spine" attaches to sides – the outsides of the sides are ¼" in from each end. Keeping top and bottom edges flush, attach using glue and 1 ¼" finish nails.

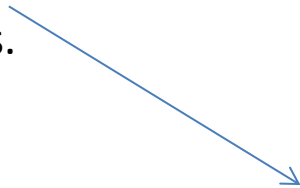




3. Attach bottom to box assembly, keeping the back and outside edges of the "spine" flush. The bottom overhangs the front/sides by $\frac{1}{4}$ ". This view is from the back side



Here's a view from the front side, showing the $\frac{1}{4}$ " overhang around front and sides.



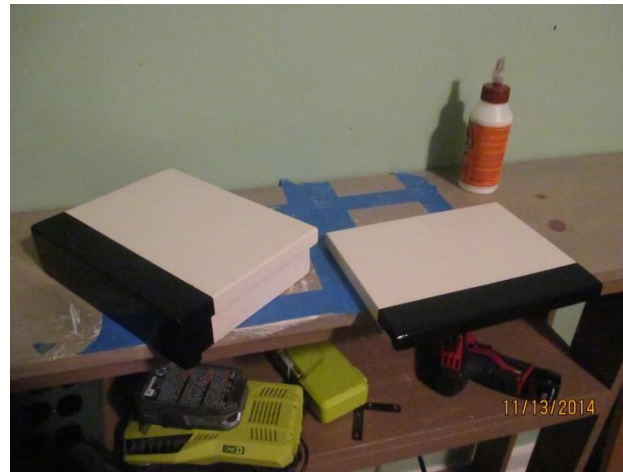
Finishing: Fill nail holes and sand smooth. I left the front "page" edges kind of sharp, but sanded all the rest to take off the sharp edge.



Finish all pieces before attaching the top.

Steps for this finish:

1. Paint the whole thing with the first color of paint (cream).
2. Tape off 1 ½" from the back of the top and box, and paint the "spine" a different color.
3. Tape off the "pages" (front and sides of the box) and stripe, and paint a contrasting color.



Tip for sharp painted lines: apply some clear poly to the tape edges and allow to dry before painting.



After everything is dry, position the box top with the outside edges flush with the “spine” and then position and mark for the hinges. Drill a tiny “starter” hole inside the markings to make screws go in easier. I usually attach hinges to the top first, then the bottom. Touch up the hinge with the paint used for the spine.



Optional closure: Add a set of self adhesive velcro circles of (I used clear) at the front of the box to keep it closed when the “book” is standing.

