
CUSTOM CLOSET CABINET

Part of The Build Basic Custom Closet Series



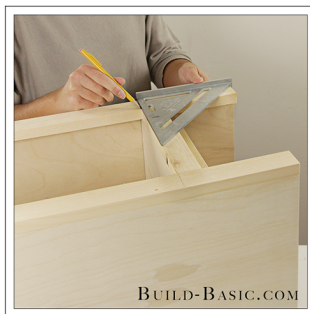
STEP NINE INSTALL THE BOTTOM SUPPORT PIECE

Installing 1 x 2 Supports will help prevent the Cubby from "racking", or leaning to the side. To install the bottom Support, apply wood glue to the ends and top edge of a 1 x 2 board cut to the inside width of the Cubby. Position the piece below the bottom Shelf between the Cubby Walls, as shown. Using a drill/driver, screw the Support piece into place using 1¼-inch pocket hole screws.



STEP TEN INSTALL THE TOP SUPPORT PIECE

Position the top Support piece so that it sets along the back edge of the Cubby, flush with the underside of the top Shelf. Adjust the block so that its pocket holes are facing the back of the cabinet. Screw the 1 x 2 into place.



STEP ELEVEN MARK THE FACE FRAME RAILS

Lay the vertical Face Frame Stiles onto the front edge of the assembled Cubby. Use a piece of masking or painter's tape to temporarily hold the boards in place. Place the horizontal Face Frame Rails between the Stiles so that the top edge of each Rail rests flush with the surface of its corresponding Shelf. Using a speed square, mark the top edge of each Rail on both Stiles.



STEP TWELVE INSTALL THE FACE FRAME RAILS

Lay all the Face Frame pieces flat on the work surface facedown. Apply glue to both ends of each Rail, and then place them between Stiles, aligned the marks made in Step 11. Drill pocket hole screws through the Rails and into the Stiles to assemble the Face Frame.

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STEP THIRTEEN POSITION THE FACE FRAME

Flip the assembled Face Frame over so that the pocket holes are on the backside. Apply wood glue to the front edge of the Cubby Walls and Shelves. Place the Face Frame onto the Cubby.



STEP FOURTEEN ATTACH THE FACE FRAME

Using a pneumatic nail gun loaded with 1¼ -inch finish nails, secure the Face Frame to the Cubby Walls and Shelves. Wipe away any excess glue.



STEP FIFTEEN ATTACH THE BACK

Using a pneumatic nail gun loaded with 1¼ -inch finish nails, secure ¼-inch plywood back to the back edge of the Cubby Walls and Shelves.



STEP SIXTEEN INSTALL THE CABINET

To prep the cabinet for installation, locate and mark the location of the closet's wall studs on your drawing, and then measure and mark them on the back Support 1 x 2 inside each Cubby. Drill pilot holes and insert 2-inch screws into the holes. Once all the Cubbies are assembled, tip them into place, and then screw through the support and into the wall to anchor the Cubbies against the back wall of the closet.



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STEP SEVENTEEN ATTACH THE BASEBOARD PADDING

To create a more substantial "foot", and make the Cubbies look built-in, I'm padding out the baseboard using 1 x 2's. I'm demonstrating this on a single Cubby, but ideally the padding and Baseboard would both be installed once the Cubbies are joined and installed in the closet. To install the Padding, I'm simply nailing two 1 x 2's to the Face Frame--one level with the bottom edge of the lowest Rail, and the other flush with the bottom edge of the Rails.



STEP EIGHTEEN ATTACH THE BASEBOARD

Again, if you're assembling multiple Cubbies, it's best to hold off on this step until they are joined and installed, but for reference sake, the Baseboard will set flush with the floor and create a 1/4 inch reveal of the upper 1 x 2 Padding, as shown. To install, nail through the Baseboard and into the Padding using 1 1/4-inch finish nails.

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