

Picture Ledge Plans

These simple plans for a picture ledge are a great beginner's project. I ripped all of my wood down to size, but you can easily find any of these sizes already cut to size at any big box store.

Always practice safety when using power tools and be sure to wear all the proper safety equipment.



Material List (links to the products I use are provided)**

Quantity	Item
1	1x4
1	1x3
1	1x2
6	1.5" wood screws
5	2.5" wood screws
	(continued below)



	Wood Glue
	Glue Brush
	Drill
	Miter Saw
	Sealer
	Stain
	Drill bit to pre-drill holes
	Level
	Stud Finder

Step 1:

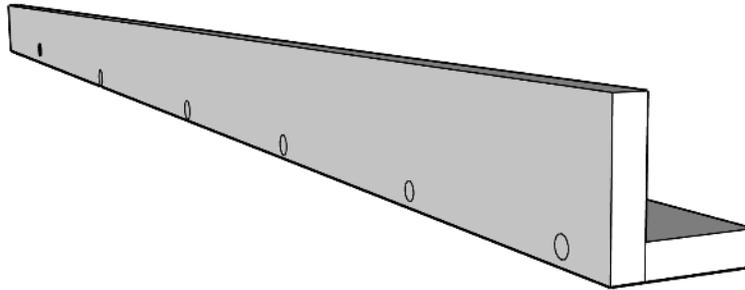
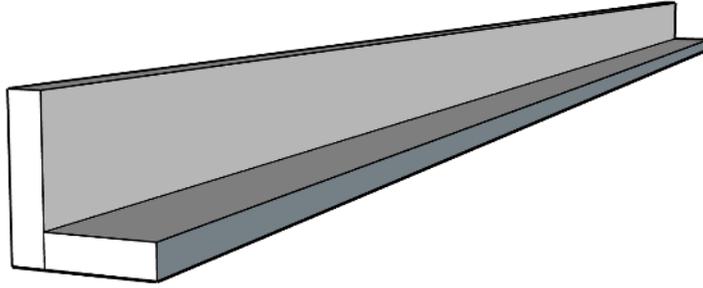
Start by cutting all 3 pieces of the wood to your desired length to fill your wall space. I made mine 7'.

Step 2:

Once trimmed, I find it's easier to do the sanding now, rather than do it when it is assembled.

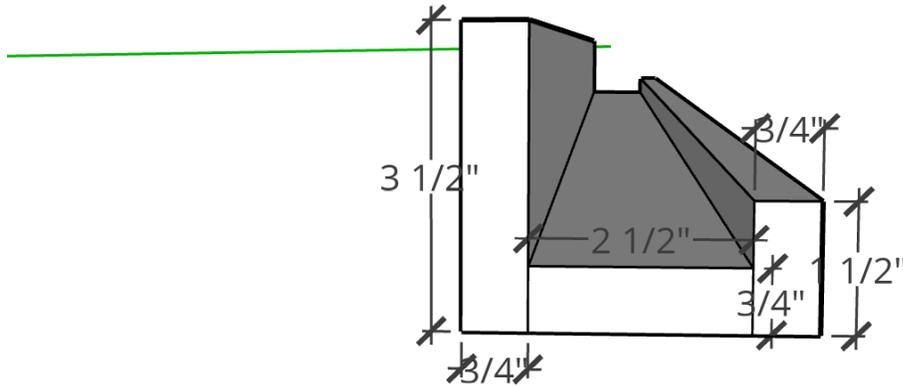
Step 3:

Glue your pieces together and clamp them. While clamped, screw the 1x3 into the 1x4 from the back using 1.5" wood screws.



Step 4:

Unclamp those two pieces and glue the 1x2 to the front of the 1x3. Since this board isn't load bearing, if you apply ample glue and clamp it with sufficient time to dry, it will be plenty strong.



Step 5:

Once the glue has dried, unclamp it and stain it and seal it.

Step 6:

Once the sealer is dried, hang on the wall directly into the studs, using a stud finder and 2.5" screws. I find it easiest to place the middle screw, then level the piece, then add the rest of the screws into the studs.

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