



# Toy box build project

**Workbook and project guide**



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# Materials and tools

## Materials



**Pallet wood:**  
2x pallet's worth



**Timber:**  
25mm x 38mm  
x 1.8m

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## Tools



**Orbital sander**



**Ruler**



**Drill (drill bits)**



**Screws**



**Screwdriver**



**Wax & brush**



**Tape measure**

## Part 1

## Measuring and marking

### Step 1 - Measuring and cutting pallet wood for the sides



**Get your pallet wood together and make a mark, at the top and bottom, of each. This mark should be 40cm from the edge.**

**Once you have made a mark at the top and bottom of each of your pieces of pallet wood, use a ruler to connect them with a straight line. Use this line to make your cut on the mitre saw.**



## Step 2 - Measuring and cutting pallet wood for the front



**Now you have the two sides, you can repeat the process of measuring and cutting, to get the pieces for the front.**

**This time, measure 80cm from the edge. Make a mark at the top and bottom of each piece of pallet wood and connect together with a straight line.**

**Once all of your pieces are measured and marked, get them back on the mitre saw to make all of your cuts.**

### **Step 3 - Measuring and cutting pallet wood for the back**



**You know what to do now. You have your 4 pieces for the front. All you have to do is repeat the process to get the 4 pieces for the back.**

**Measure 80cm from the edge, mark the top and bottom of each piece of wood and then draw a line to connect your marks.**

**Once all of your pieces are marked, get back over to the mitre saw to cut all of your pieces for the back.**



**Step 4 - Measuring and cutting the battens for the sides**



**All of the sides of your tox box are held together using battens, which are pieces of wood, cut to size, and then attached to all of the sides.**

**Put all of the pallet wood, for your side pieces, together and measure them. Ours came to 44cm. This means that each batten needs to be 44cm in length.**

**Measure out 4, 44cm pieces, on the wood you are using for the battens (your length of timber) and draw lines for your saw.**

**Go back to the mitre saw and cut each of your battens.**

## Step 5 - Attaching the sides



**It's time to attach your pallet wood to the battens to create the sides of the toy box.**

**Put all of the pieces of pallet wood, that you have cut for the sides, together and place your battens on either side.**

**Drill pilot holes through the batten, into the pallet wood. Drill one pilot hole at the top and one at the bottom, of each pallet wood.**

**Put screws, in each of the pilot hole, that you have drilled, to attach the battens to the pallet wood to make the sides of your toy box.**

**Once you have done this, you can attach the pallet wood, for the front and back, to the sides, to create the basic shape of your toy box.**



**Step 6 - Measuring the battens for the top and bottom**

**Now you have your basic box shape, you need to measure the top and bottom so that you know what size to cut the remaining pallet wood.**

**The length of the bottom of Kayleigh's toy box is 79.5cm so she marks the pallet wood for the bottom at 79.5cm.**

**The length of the top is also 79.5cm but she is going to add 1cm at each side, and so she will be measuring this at 81.5cm**

**She also measures 3 battens at 39.5cm, which will be used to hold the pallet wood together.**

## Step 7 - Measuring the pallet wood for the top and bottom



**It's time to measure and mark up the pallet wood that will be used to create the top and bottom of the toy box.**

**Measure out 79.5cm on your pallet wood, make a mark at the bottom and the top and then connect these marks with a line.**

**Repeat this process for each pallet wood that you have for the bottom. You should have 4 pieces in total.**

**In order to mark up the pallet wood for the top, measure from the line you created, on each pallet wood, for the bottom, at 81.5cm. Make a mark at the top and bottom of each pallet wood and connect with a straight line.**



## Step 8 - Cutting the wood and attaching it to the bottom



**All you need to do now is cut the pallet wood for the top and bottom and attach the pieces to the battens.**

**Once your wood is cut, lay the pieces for the bottom across the battens and make sure that they are straight.**

**Then all you need to do is drill pilot holes, through the wood and into the battens. One at the top and 1 at the bottom, followed by screws to attach it all together.**



**Step 9 - Attaching the battens to the top**



**It's time to put together the top, which will act as the lid of your toy box.**

**Lay your top pieces out and then put a batten on each side, as well as one in the middle.**

**Drill pilot holes, through the batten and pallet wood, one at the top and one at the bottom of each pallet wood and attach with screws.**

## Step 10 - Attaching the top and finishing the box



**Attach the top using hinges. All you need to do is line up the hinges and put screws through the holes, on both sides.**

**Finish off the box with some wax and a wax brush. You can also add extras to the toy box, such as a wooden name plate or caster wheels.**