

# Butcherblock Bench

Redwood butcherblock benches are stylish additions to redwood decks or garden patios. These benches can be nail-laminated in different lengths using economical garden grades of redwood. Construction Heart or Deck Heart should be used for bench legs and where increased decay resistance is needed. Construction Common, Deck Common or Merchantable may be used for seats.

To keep the seats even and level, build benches on edge or upside down on a flat surface. For top performance, use non-corrosive nails and hardware: stainless steel, aluminum or top quality, hot-dipped galvanized. To prevent splitting, predrill nail holes near board ends.

This bench is made entirely of 2x4's. There are two basic elements: the legs and the seat.

**Legs** are built up with two 2x4's—one long piece and one short. Trim four long pieces so that they are 18 inches long. Trim four short pieces to 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches. To make legs, assemble short and long pieces in pairs with six 8-penny nails.

**Seatboards** are made by nail-laminating ten 2x4's together, creating the butcherblock appearance. The length of the 2x4's used for the seat will vary according to the length of the bench. (See materials lists.) Trim two short pieces to accommodate the legs. Make sure the 2x4's are level and even on the top seating area. Use 12-penny nails and nail every 6 inches in a zig-zag pattern. The seat may be planed after construction to even the seating surface.

## Materials Lists

Bench Length	Lumber 2x4
4 feet	2 pcs. 6' 5 pcs. 8'
6 feet	12 pcs. 6'
8 feet	10 pcs. 8' 2 pcs. 6'
10 feet	10 pcs. 10' 2 pcs. 6'
12 feet	10 pcs. 12' 2 pcs. 6'

Nails	8-penny nails 12-penny nails
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