

Simple Outdoor Dining Table

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This beautiful outdoor dining table seats up to six, but can be easily customized to seat more (or less). Works with the dining bench and stackable side chairs (plans available in the Simple Modern Outdoor Collection).

Special thanks to Kim for sharing her photos with us.



About Project **Inspired By:** [West Elm Wood Slat Dining Table](#) [2]

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Dimensions: Overall Dimensions are shown above.

Materials and Tools Shopping List:

5 - 12' - 1x4 Boards (Cut Tabletop Boards from these)

5 - 8' - 1x4 (Supports and Aprons)

1 - 12' 2x4

1 1/4" Screws

2" Screws

2 1/2" Screws

Wood Glue

Wood Filler

Finishing Supplies

Tools: measuring tape

square

pencil

safety glasses

hearing protection

[Kreg Jig™](#) [3]

drill

circular saw

sander

level

Cut List

2 - 1x4 @ 32 1/2" (End Aprons)

4 - 1x4 @ 64 1/2" (Supports)

2 - 1x4 @ 60 1/2" (Side Aprons)

17 - 1x4 @ 35 1/2" (Tabletop Boards)

4- 2x4 @ 29 1/4" (Legs)

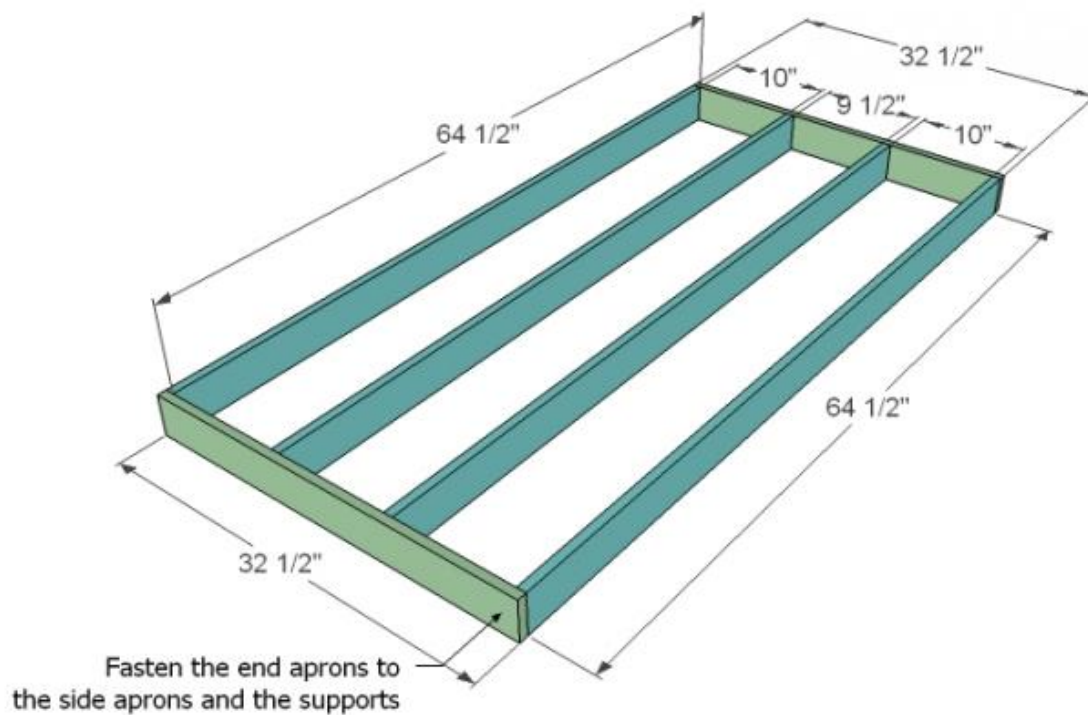
General Instructions

Work on a clean level surface. Check for square after each step. Use good straight boards. Predrill and countersink your screws. Use glue unless otherwise directed. Use proper safety precautions and equipment.

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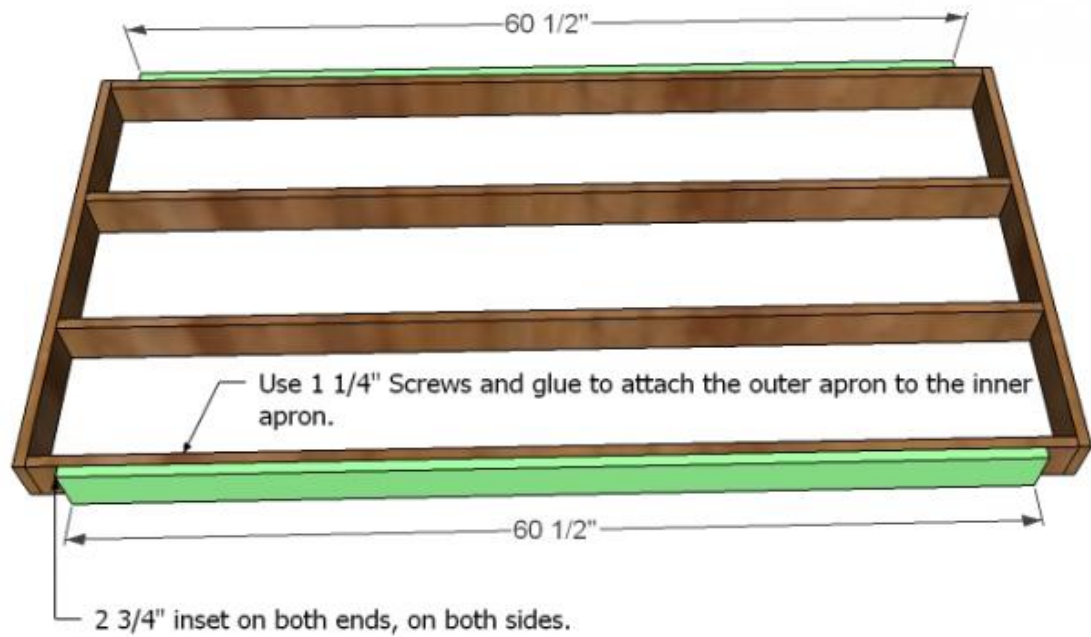
Aprons and Support. Build the aprons and supports for the tabletop as shown above. Use glue and 2" screws. Make sure the project is very square.

Step 1

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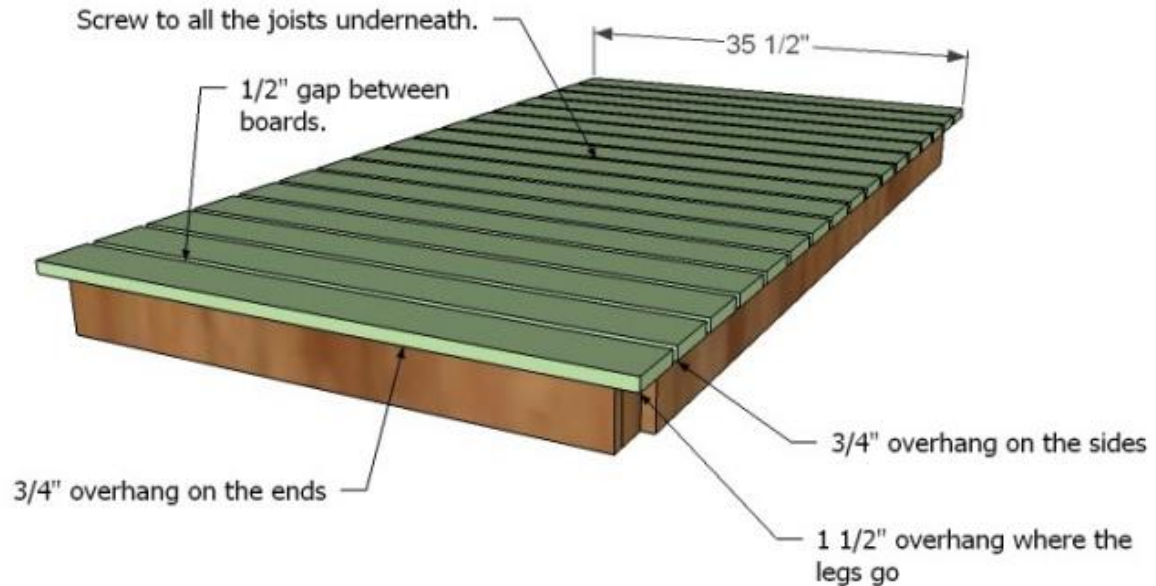
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Outer Side Aprons. Fasten the outer side aprons to the sides, as shown above, keeping top and bottom edges flush. There will be a 2 3/4" gap on both ends, as shown above.

Step 2



Tabletop boards. Use 2" screws and glue to fasten the tabletop pieces to the aprons and supports. It is wise to mark all the joints on the undersides of the tabletop boards before fastening. There will be a 1/2" gap between boards. If you happen to have a [Kreg Jig™](#) [3], you can fasten from underneath. ([Kreg Jig™](#) [3] K4 Pocket Hole System). This will hide all of your screw holes. As one reader mentioned, examining your boards and facing the board so the bark side is up will help prevent cupping in the future, and also create better water drainage.

Step 3

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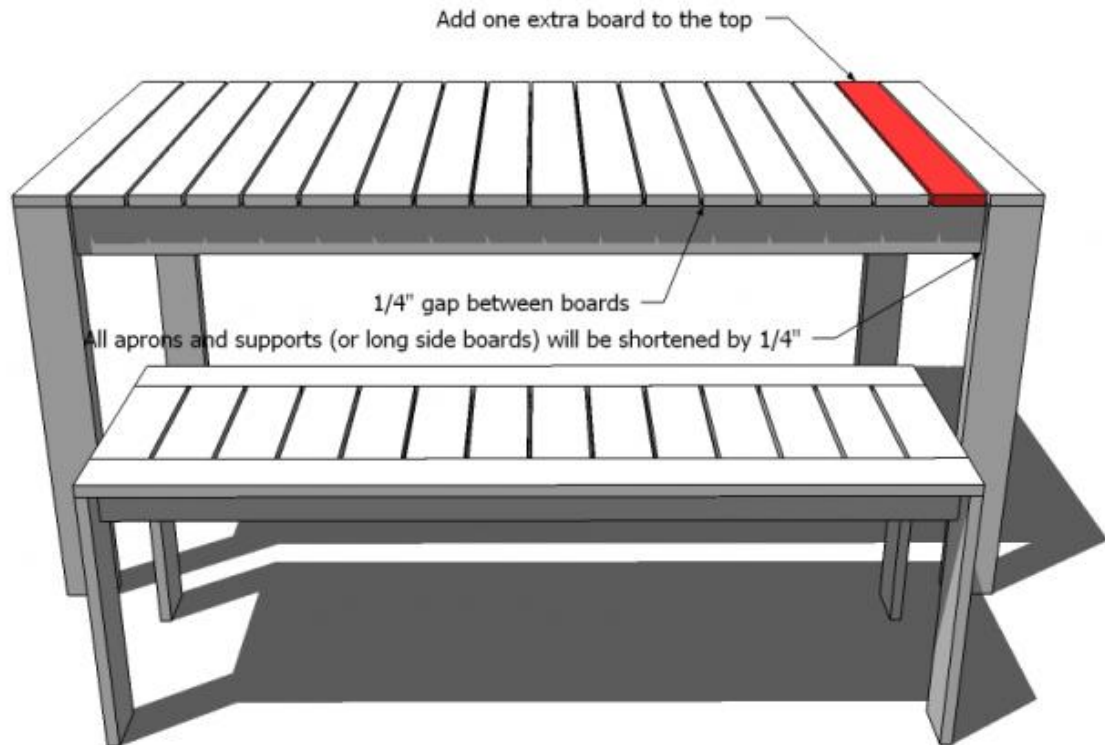
Legs. Screw the legs on with 2 1/2" screws. If you leave the glue off or use bolts, you can make the legs removable.

Step 4

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UPDATE: If you would like your table to have 1/4" gaps between the slats to match the bench, you will need to make a few very minor adjustments. The adjustments are shown in the diagram. Basically, you will need to add 1 more table top board (shown above in red) and you will need to adjust the gaps between the boards to 1/4". You should also take 1/4" off of all apron and support boards. The table will be 1/4" shorter than in the original directions. The matching bench has 1/4" gaps and plans will be posted shortly.

Step 5

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