

Tip #120 Make A Classic Shop Stool

Why not get comfortable while you work? There are times when a stool built to seat you at just the right height to your workbench can be a comfortable alternative to standing . And you can make your own more easily than you might guess.

Start by laminating hardwood stock for the seat. Allow the glue to set for at least 24 hours. Rough out the seat to round on the bandsaw and turn it on the lathe. There should be an 8" to 9" clearance from the top of the seat to the underside of your bench. Cut the length of the legs you need and turn the dowel ends on the tops of them.

Drill the holes in the bottom of the seat by tilting the table on the drill press 5-degrees and rest the seat against the rip fence and stop block. Tilt the table to 4-degrees and drill the holes in the legs for the stretchers. Taper the legs on the jointer if you desire. Glue and clamp the stool together and apply a finish.

Bill of Materials (finished dimensions in inches)
for a 25-3/4" tall stool

- A Stool seat 1-1/2 x 12-1/2 dia.
- B Legs (4) 1-1/2 x 1-1/2 x 25
- C Stretchers (4) 1/2 dia. x 9
- D Stretchers (4) 1/2 dia. x 8

