

Poolside Bench

Pressure Treated Lumber



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More experienced woodworkers may want to try this sturdy bench perfect for use on the deck or by the pool.

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Instructions

- The top is made of three 2 x 6 boards. The ends of the outside boards are rounded on a bandsaw. The boards are attached to the legs so that there is a ¼" gap between each board.
- The legs and crowns are made of 4 x 4 stock.
- The legs are constructed so that two columns fit into slots which have been dadoed into top and bottom crowns. Cut the top and bottom crowns on a bandsaw to give them a rounded-over edge.
- Once the top and bottom crowns have been cut on the bandsaw and sanded, cut the 2" deep slots using a dado head on a table saw. Clean up the bottom of the dado and smooth it with a chisel.
- Fit the two legs into place and drive two 3" hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel screws through the crowns into each leg.
- To give the bench added support, fit a 2 x 6 board 30" long between the leg assemblies. Drive hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel screws up through the bottoms of the crowns to hold the 2 x 6.
- When the leg assemblies are complete, lay out the boards that will form the top, bottom side up. Place the assemblies on the underside of the top so that there is a 2½" overlap on each end and a 1" overlap on each side.
- Drill pilot holes through the rounded over portions of the crowns at the tops of the legs. Drive hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel screws through the holes into the underside of the top to hold the outside top boards in place. The middle top board is attached by driving screws at an angle through the interior edge of the crown and into the board.

Materials Checklist

- 2–4" x 4" x 6'
- 2–2" x 6" x 6'
- Use only hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel screws
- Lumber may be pressure treated, redwood or cedar

Did you know?

- **Pressure treated wood** may be painted or stained to match any outdoor color scheme. High-quality latex-based paints and oil or latex stains are recommended. Make sure the wood is dry and free from surface deposits before applying any coating.
- **Water repellent coatings** can be applied to enhance the long-term weathering performance.
- **Only wood** that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used for patios, decks and walkways.
- **To help maximize surface protection** and to keep your wood looking better longer, GP recommends applying a surface water repellent every two years.

Questions and Answers

Q What kinds of projects are ideal for pressure treated wood?

A Choose GP pressure treated wood for decks, porches, gazebos, planters, arbors and other outdoor structures. You'll enjoy the beauty of wood plus long-lasting performance.

Q How do I dispose of unused wood?

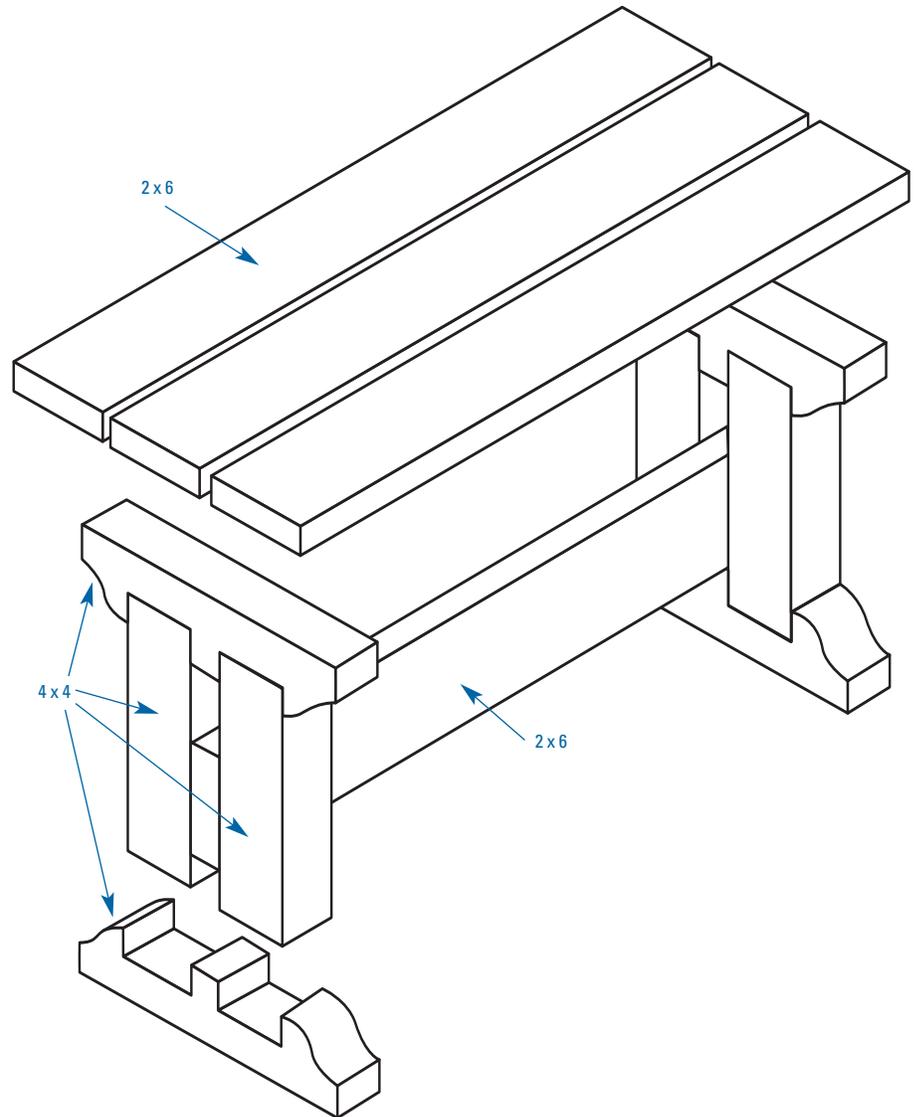
A Scraps and sawdust should be disposed with ordinary trash. Do not burn treated wood, as toxic materials may be produced as part of the smoke or ashes.

Q What is ACQ?

A Alkaline Copper Quaternary (ACQ) is a chemical solution used as a preservative treatment for wood to help provide long-term protection from rot, decay and termites. The main active ingredient in ACQ is copper, which has long been established as the most cost-effective preservative component used in preserving timber. Quaternary acts as the co-biocide in the ACQ preservative, providing additional protection from decay, fungi and termite attack that copper alone would not control. Copper and quaternary solutions similar to ACQ are used for the control of fungi and bacteria in swimming pools and spas.

Q How long has ACQ been in use?

A For more than a decade, ACQ has been used in neighborhood playgrounds, backyards and other outdoor projects.



For the latest information about pressure treated wood, visit www.gp.com, or call 1-800-282-0600.

Safety Dispatch

Build with Pressure Treated Wood

Whether you're building a new planter or replacing your deck, Georgia-Pacific pressure treated wood is the high performance decking choice. The projects you build with Georgia-Pacific pressure treated wood products should last a long time. So, it makes good sense to build in a craftsman-like manner. Here are some helpful tips to make your job easier and look better.

1. Recommended Fasteners

Use only hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel fasteners, connectors and hardware to help safeguard the structural integrity of projects built with ACQ treated wood.

As a minimum requirement for use with ACQ treated wood, hot-dipped galvanized

coated fasteners should conform to ASTM Standard A153 and hot-dipped galvanized coated connectors should conform to ASTM Standard A653 (Class G-185). In demanding applications, such as treated wood foundations and playground equipment, use of stainless steel fasteners and connectors should be utilized and may be required by building codes.

Electroplated galvanized fasteners are not recognized as being corrosion resistant for exterior applications. Aluminum should not be used in direct contact with ACQ treated wood.

2. Nail bark side up

Always nail boards bark side up (annual rings arc upward) to reduce cupping. Nail thin boards to thicker boards to help maintain structural integrity.

3. Drill pilot holes

Especially when nailing near the edge or end of a board, it's a good idea to drill pilot holes for your fasteners.

4. Butt boards tightly

Butt decking boards together firmly. As drying occurs, some shrinkage can be expected.

5. Apply a weather resistant finish.

Any exposed wood, pressure treated or not, should be protected from the weather. Application of a finish coat of clear or semi-transparent water-repellent stain will help to minimize warping, checking or splitting. The finish coat should be applied immediately to untreated wood and to pressure treated wood as soon as the surface is dry.

Safety First

The following simple safety procedures are recommended.

- Do not burn treated wood. Toxic materials may be produced as part of the smoke or ashes.
- Clean up scraps and sawdust after construction and dispose by ordinary trash collection.
- Gloves should be worn to protect against splinters and abrasions.
- A dust mask should be worn when sawing, machining or sanding any wood to reduce the inhalation of wood dust. Whenever possible these operations should be performed outdoors to avoid indoor accumulations of airborne sawdust from treated wood.

- Appropriate eye protection should be worn to reduce the potential for eye injury from wood dust or particles and flying debris during machining and construction.
- After working with pressure treated wood, thoroughly wash your hands and exposed areas thoroughly with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or using tobacco products.
- Because preservatives or sawdust may accumulate on clothes, they should be laundered before reuse. Wash work clothes separately from other clothing or household items with which you may have contact.
- Treated wood should not be used where it may come into direct or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as fresh water docks and bridges.

Use Site Precautions

ACQ treated wood may be used both inside of residences (should be clean and free of surface residues) and outdoors. However, it should not be used in or on sites where it could come into contact with food, animal feed or drinking water.

Examples of such latter sites are as follows:

1. Structures for storage or handling animal feed, (grain, silage, etc.) such as silos, feed troughs or bunks.
2. Kitchen countertops or cutting boards.
3. Construction of those portions of beehives which may come into contact with the honey.
4. Structures that would be in direct or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as residential fresh water docks and bridges. **ACQ treated lumber should not be used in salt-water immersion applications.**
5. Do not use ACQ treated lumber residues, such as sawdust and shavings, as mulch.



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