

Directions for making Knife Holders.

- 1. Start with a 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" wood block.**
- 2. Glue on top and bottom with 3 1/2 " x 3 1/2 " x 3/4" wood pieces.**
- 3. Rout grooves for decorative/functional wood strips to 1/2" wide x 1/8" deep. (See below).**
- 4. Cut knife holder slots 3/16" wide x 1 3/8" through the knife holder block from top to bottom. I used a bandsaw as, for me, I felt it was safer than using a table saw or radial arm saw for cutting the slots.**
- 5. Stain and glue in the decorative/functional strips that have been cut to 1/2" wide by 1/8" thick.**
- 6. Apply clear topcoat.**
- 7. Apply a 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" thin base on the bottom of the knife box. This is to prevent the points of knives from getting dull. I used a three and a half x three and a half of thin(1/8 "?) , vinyl floor tile.**

Note -- the decorative strips are also functional since they hold the knives inside the block.

Note -- the choices of wood types, stains, topcoats are all optional, your choice. I used cypress for the basic block and some tops and bottoms and decorative strips were walnut, some were mahogany.

Note -- these are easy and fun to make. They are well received as gifts.

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