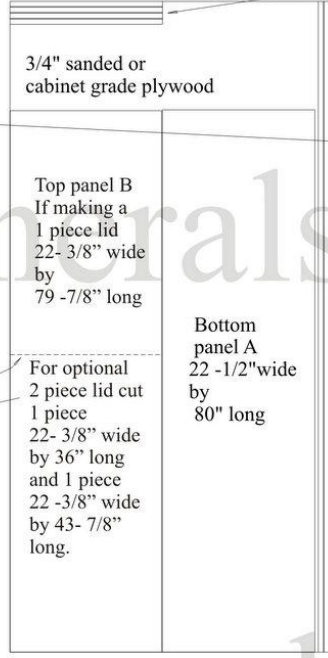
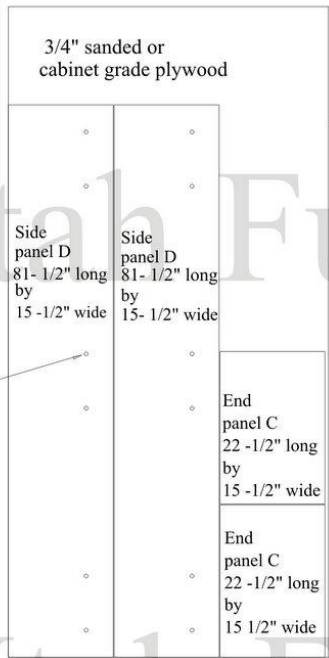


# Simple free casket plans

Note:  
If you do not have access to a table saw, parts A,B,C, and D can be cut for a small fee at Lowes and Home Depot. Parts E,F, and G can be bought already cut to size at the same stores. Just look in the wood molding section.

To make sure that you do not get top and bottom mixed up. Just remember that the rope holes are always closer the bottom of the panel(s) D



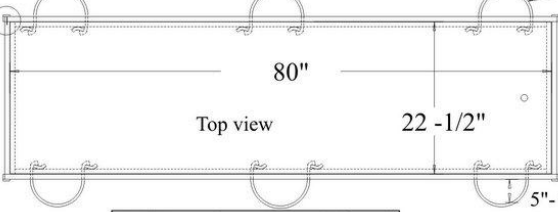
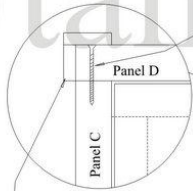
4 each lid and bottom support (F) pieces  
3/4" by 3/4" by 22 -1/2" long

1 each part E  
3/4" by 3 -1/2" by 96" pine or if you do not have a table saw you can get window screen wood trim. (5) each 1/4" by 3/4" by 96" long for OPTIONAL wood trim strips.

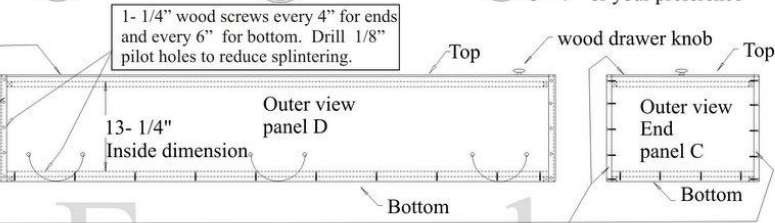
4 each lid and bottom support (G) pieces  
3/4" by 3/4" by 80" long  
The 4th piece comes out of the other plywood sheet.

1 1/4" wood deck screws. Glue panels and attach screws from panel D into panel C every 4 inches on center in each of the 4 corners.

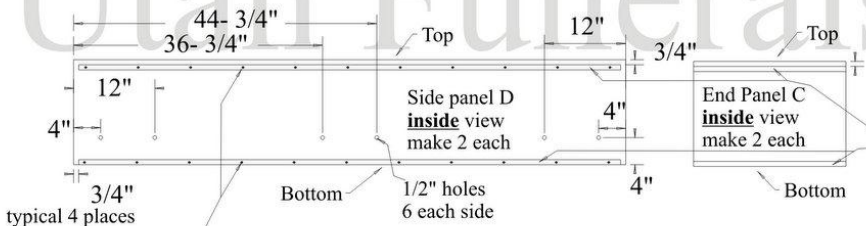
Rope 1/2" thick 6 pieces ( or 8 pieces if you want rope handles on ends) 20" long. You will need to tie the knots TIGHT after inserting into holes on panel D so you have 2 inches of rope left on each end. Also depending on the stiffness/type of rope you might need more or less length.



Part E  
OPTIONAL 1/4" thick pine wood trim pieces to cover plywood edges and nails/screws. You will also need (8) each 15 -1/2" long for the (4) corners, (2) each 22- 1/2" long for the (2) end C panels and (2) each 81- 1/2" long for the (2) side D panels. Glue and fasten with finish nails.



1- 1/4" wood screws every 4" for ends and every 6" for bottom. Drill 1/8" pilot holes to reduce splintering.



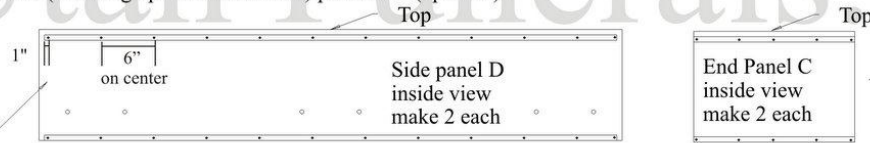
.3/4" square bottom and top panel support pieces (F&G)  
Glue and fasten from INSIDE with 1 1/4" screws every 4 inches

1 -1/4" wood screws every 6" for bottom. 1/8" Pilot drill holes to reduce splintering.

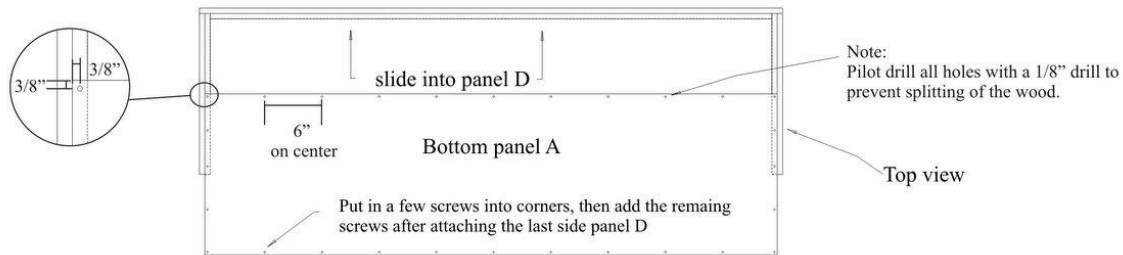
Disclaimer: Use these free plans at your own risk. I have built many caskets this way, but I cannot be responsible for your casket building. You should also know how to use power tools. If you do not know find someone who can do it for you. But these are simple plans, so most people should be okay. Either way BE CAREFUL. What's the use of making a casket for a loved one if you wind up being put into it first, because of an accident.

#### Assembly instructions.

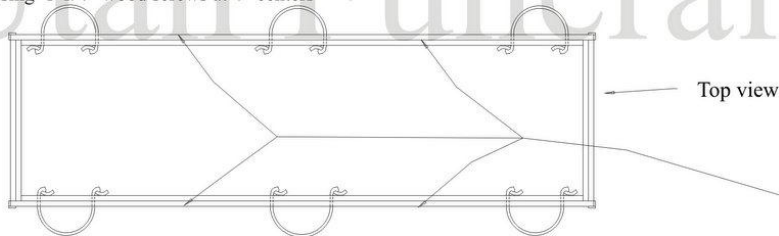
Tools needed, table saw, or electric hand saw with edge guide (or you can pay .50 cent per cut at Lowes or Home Depot) electric hand drill with phillips driver bit, hammer 120 grit sandpaper, 16 oz. bottle wood glue, 1-1/4" wood screws finishing nails (if adding optional wood trim) paint/stain (optional).



1. Cut out all parts first. Assemble glue, and fasten support strips (F&G) to Panels C and D. Drill 1/2" holes into panel D. Note: to reduce splintering of wood, put a scrap piece of wood under area where you will be drilling the hole.



2. Assemble together (1) side panel D and (2) end panels C. Glue and fasten panels together. Apply a bead of wood glue to the TOP edge of the BOTTOM SET ONLY (F&G) support strips. Then slide in panel A. Fasten (1) wood screw in each of the (4) inside corners. Get the last side panel D, and apply a bead of glue and fasten to panels C and bottom panel A using 1-1/4" wood screws at 4" centers



3. Attach optional part E 1/4" wood trim pieces sand smooth trim and all panels. Making sure you get rid of any possible wood slivers. Attach wood knob to lid panel A and then paint or stain (if you want) the casket. Add rope handles. Note: if you did the casket properly you can add (4) more ropes between the middle and outer existing rope handles. For more pall bearers or a heavier person. You can add a favorite quilt or blanket to the bottom of the casket and put on the top panel(s)

#### A few other items:

This casket can be made wider (5" ), but you will need to get another sheet of 3/4" plywood to do it. You will need to add the extra width to Panels A,B, C, and some of part E trim pieces. Also you will need to add some extra (2) 3/4" support strips (G) to the underside of panel A to keep the panel from bowing on the bottom panel. If you do it correctly this casket can hold a 300 lb. person.

#### Finishing the casket:

How you want to paint, stain, woodburn, attach or not... is up to you. The easiest is a coat of water based paint let it dry then sand with a 220 grit. Then add another coat and sand smooth. Or simple handprints of Grandchildren with hand painted notes. Or stenciling, it's up to you. Do it your way. There are a lot of photos of how others have done it on the internet.

#### Funeral Homes and directors:

The majority of funeral homes do not have a problem with a home made casket most will welcome your casket. But there are those who see this as a way of taking profits from them. They might say it's a liability issue (the casket bottom might fall out) or it's disrespectful to the deceased. Stand your ground. Try to educate them first. It's against the law to refuse your casket in all states. And in those states that do have restrictions on caskets it only applies to businesses who make and sell caskets... not families that make their own. You can also get information from your state's local Funeral Consumer Alliance. As a final note... if the funeral home will not let you do a funeral your way find another one who will.