Simple Window Seat Plan

Construct this simple window seat out of kitchen cabinets. This simple bench can be modified to fit several sized windows; any door style is acceptable.

Materials

- Measuring tape
- 15-inch high kitchen wall cabinets
- 2 x 4 boards
- Screwdriver
- Saw
- Drill
- Wood screws
- Pencil
- Clamps
- Cabinet filler or fillers
- Cabinet toe kicks
- Finish nails
- Hammer
- 3/4-inch birch plywood
- Cabinet molding
- Caulk
- Caulk gun
- Cabinet end panel or panels if one or both ends of the bench are visible
- Adhesive

Instructions

1. Measure the length of the area you want to install the seat. Purchase enough cabinets to fill this space as close as possible. Cabinets are typically 18-inches in width. Pay attention to the direction the doors will be opening.
2. Purchase 3-inch cabinet filler strips to fill in any remaining width. For example, a 42-inch window seat will require two cabinets and 2 filler strips. Fillers strips can be cut to size if necessary.
3. Remove the doors from the cabinets with a screwdriver and set them aside.
4. Measure the length of the area and cut two 2 x 4's to this length.
5. Subtract 7-inches from the depth of the cabinets and cut three boards to this length.
6. Screw the boards together into a rectangular frame with short boards on each end, and one in the center between the two long boards as a support.

7. Set the frame on the floor in front of the window and screw it to the wall to hold it firmly in place.

8. Set the cabinets and cabinet fillers on top of the frame. Place fillers at each end to ensure the doors open easily. If there are additional filler panels, place them between cabinets.
9. Use clamps to hold the cabinets together and in place while you screw the bottoms of the cabinets to the frame below them and to the wall behind. The frame will be recessed beneath the cabinets by 3-inches.
10. Measure the front of the frame beneath the cabinets and cut a piece of toe kick to these measurements. Attach the toe kick to the front of the frame with finishing nails.
11. Set a piece of birch plywood on top of the cabinets and trace the shape of the cabinets. Cut the plywood to fit the top of the cabinets.

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12. Cut a piece of cabinet molding to fit the front, top edge of the cabinets.

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13. Run a bead of adhesive along the top of the cabinets and place the plywood on top. Drive finishing nails into the cabinet stiles through the plywood to secure it.
14. Nail the molding to the front edge of the plywood where it meets the cabinet top to create a finished edge.
15. If finishing panels are needed on the ends of the cabinets, run a bead of adhesive over the cabinet ends in a serpentine pattern and press the panels securely into place.
16. Replace the cabinet doors and top the bench with a seat cushion.