Make a wooden tote to store your tools, craft supplies, toys, or use as a creative centerpiece.
1. LAY OUT END DESIGN

Cut the ends, sides, bottom, and handle to size. Mark the center of the handle position and the layout of the ends.

2. DRILL THE HANDLE HOLES

Install a 3/4” forstner bit in the drill press. Center the bit over the handle center mark. Bore a 3/8” deep hole in each end piece.

3. CUT OUT THE END PIECES

Use a band saw or jigsaw to cut out the ends. Cut slightly outside the layout lines and then sand up to the lines.

4. ASSEMBLE THE TOTE

Clamp the handle and bottom between the two ends. Apply glue along the edge of the ends and bottom.

5. FASTEN THE SIDES WITH NAILS

Clamp the side to the ends and bottom. Drive 1-1/2” finish nails to secure the side. Predrill a 1/32” dia. hole for each nail to prevent splitting.

6. APPLY FINISH

Finish the tote with your choice of top-coats. You can use a natural finish, stain, or paint. In this case, we painted the tote and masked off the handle to leave it natural.

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