

Calendar - Perpetual

Everyone needs a calendar, but it is more fun to make a calendar than to buy one. This perpetual calendar takes some shop time, but it is easy to assemble.

Materials needed:

1. 8" x 12" AC plywood (1/4").
2. Three 3/16" dowels, 12".
3. Two 7" x 3/4" x 3/4" wood.
4. 3" x 1/2" x 3/4" parting stock.
5. Four 15 gauge x 7/8" nails.
6. Labels, glue stick, white glue.

Before the Meeting

1. Cut plywood backing.
2. Cut dowels to 11 1/2".
3. Make 3 event markers from 1/2" x 3/4" parting stock (see photo). Drill 1/4" holes in event markers.
4. Drill three 3/16" holes into the 3/4" x 3/4" wood blocks at 1 1/4", 3 1/2" and 5 3/4" from one end of the 3/4" x 3/4" wood blocks. The holes at 1 1/4" will be nearest the top of the calendar when assembled.
5. Make three labels:

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Hint 1: A great way to make labels is to put clear sealing tape on top of the paper, then cut out the strips. This gives a waterproof coating, rigidity and a finished look to the labels.

Hint 2: You will need to experiment with your font size and spacing so the day, months and dates will fit into the 10 1/2" space between the ends of the dowels.

Assembly at the Meeting

1. Insert an event marker on each of the 3 dowels. A bit of masking tape will prevent the event marker from sliding off as you are completing the project.
2. Insert and glue all 3 dowels into one of the 3/4" x 3/4" wood blocks; then insert and glue the 3 dowels into the other 3/4" x 3/4" wood block.
3. Lay assembled dowels and blocks flat. Glue and nail plywood backing onto blocks using four 15 gauge x 7/8" nails
4. Use a glue stick to attach the 3 labels (see photo) so they are just below the event markers (see photo).

