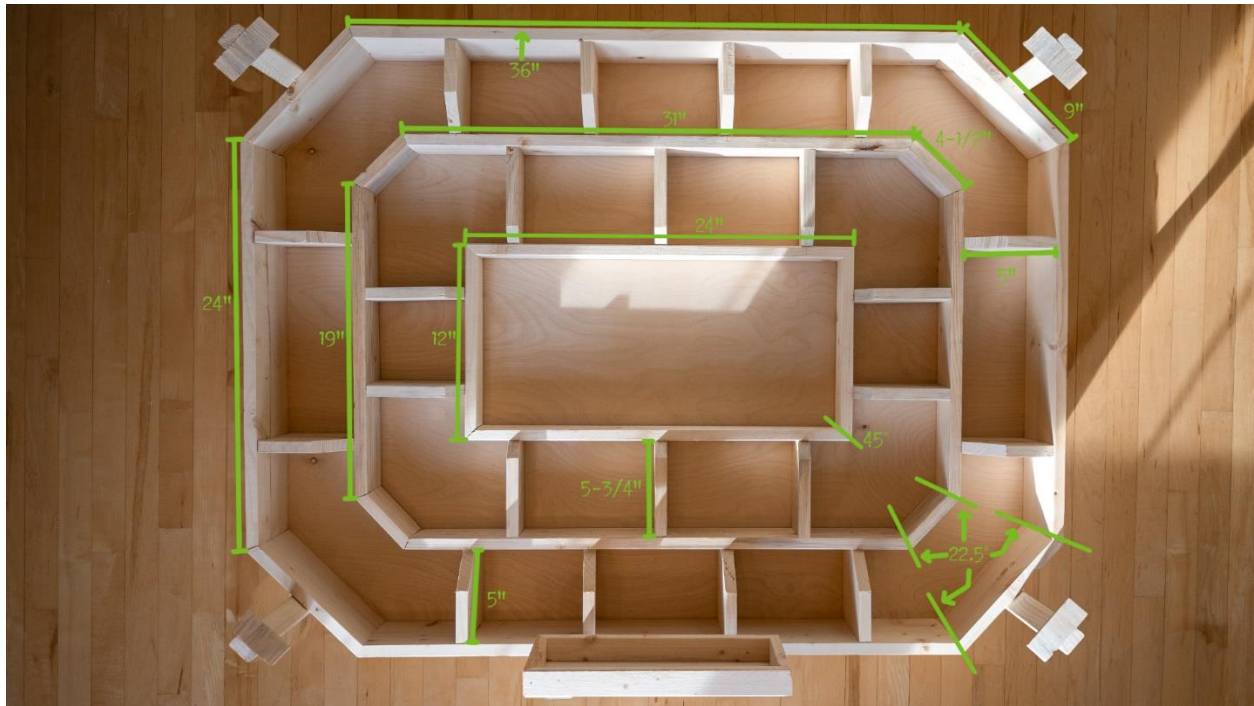


## Snack Stadium

Feeding a house full of snack fans on gameday can be a big task. We usually end up with many snacks, desserts and finger foods spread out on every surface. But this year, we decided to do something different. We wanted to create a snack stadium - a large and sturdy wooden structure that could hold all kinds of game day snacks. It's a cool and unique way to serve food, and it's reusable too!

### How to Build a Wooden Snack Stadium



#### Materials required:

- 4' x 4' x 5.5mm plywood
- 1" x 6" (3)
- 1" x 4" (2)
- 1" x 3" (2)
- 1" x 2" (3)
- Paint (Your Choice of Color)

#### Tools used:

- 10" Dual Bevel Sliding Mitre Saw
- Circular Saw
- Battery Powered Drill
- Brad Nailer
- Paint Brush

#### Hardware:

- 1-1/4" Finishing Nails
- 1/2" Wood Screws

**Let's begin building from the inside out.**

**Field Area:**

Cut four pieces of 1" x 3" material, two at 24" and two at 12", and mitre each end at a 45-degree angle. Assemble the pieces using wood glue and 1-1/4" nails.

**Lower Level:**

So, let's get the snack stadium's first set of sections going. Start by cutting two 19" pieces and two 31" pieces from some 1" x 4" wood. Use a 22.5-degree mitre for those snazzy angles.

Spruce things up a bit by crafting four 4-1/4" pieces with a 22.5-degree angle – it'll give your snack stadium that extra touch of realness. When you're ready, slap it all together for the lower level exterior wall. Nails that are 1-1/4" long and a bit of wood glue should do the trick!

**Lower Level Dividers:**

Alright, so for the lower level of the stadium, we're hooking it up to the inside field with eight pieces that are 1" x 4" x 5-3/4". Just a heads up, though – these measurements might vary a bit based on your earlier cuts. So before you go all in, make sure to measure and confirm that 5-3/4" is the sweet spot for you.

I pieced the sections together temporarily to figure out where the lower level meets the field level. Then, I chopped the corner at a 45-degree angle to give the stadium a cool step-down look. Now, when it comes to the bins, you can go with any size or number you fancy. I kept my bin dividers about 3" from the corners and plopped the leftover divider right in the middle of the longer field side.

To lock things in place, slap on some wood glue and drive in those 1-1/4" nails to attach the dividers to the walls.

**Upper Level:**

Alright, stick to the same game plan from the last step for the upper level. Grab two pieces of wood, each measuring 1" x 6" x 24", and two more at 1" x 6" x 36". Also, snag four pieces at 1" x 6" x 9"; cut them at the classic 22.5-degree mitered cut for the corners, just like before.

To lock things in place, slap on some wood glue and drive in those 1-1/4" nails to attach the dividers to the walls.

**Upper Level Dividers:**

Now, let's talk dividers. I cut twelve pieces of 1" x 6" x 5"; again, these measurements may vary, so make sure to check before going all cut happy on them. Pop those dividers 3 inches away from the mitered corner and lock 'em in with glue and nails.

### **Base:**

I completed the stadium frame by securing it to a 4' x 4' x 7/32" (5.5mm) board. The board fit pretty well and needed a few cuts, using a circular saw to fit the bottom.

The base was fastened using 1-1/4" nails.

### **Light Poles:**

Now, let's talk about those light poles. We whipped up four pieces from the 1" x 2" material, each measuring 1" x 2" x 14". For the part where the lights cozy up, we got creative with some leftover 1" x 4" that was already cut at a 22.5-degree angle. Grab your drill and punch three evenly spaced holes matching the size of your chosen lights. The drill size will vary depending on the lights you go for. We snagged these budget-friendly balloon lights from a party store, which were spot-on.

Now, fasten the light block with the pole using glue and nails.



### **Scoreboard:**

To make the scoreboard, we cut two pieces of 1" x 2" x 14" and two pieces of 1" x 2" x 7". Use a 45-degree mitre for those cuts. For the back of the scoreboard, we used a leftover piece of the 4'

x 4' x 7/32" (5.5mm) board to cover the back. The back was fastened using 1-1/4" nails. The scoreboard was attached to the main stadium using two pieces of 1" x 2" x 14" (same as the light posts).

You could leave the scoreboard like that, paint some decals, or print off your favourite teams; it's up to you. For us, we decided to screw (1/2" wood screws) a couple of square 2-1/2" pieces of wood on the scoreboard and mound a phone holder. We thought it would be a fun touch to have the game playing on the scoreboard when your guests go to get their snacks. They won't miss anything!



### **Finishing Touches:**

Finishing the stadium is a personal preference, but you need a protective barrier against anything you may put in it later. We decided to paint the outer ring, the scoreboard and the light poles. We lined the bins with butcher paper before placing the food in them to add a protective barrier.

Now, it is time to fill in with snacks and enjoy your gameday party!