DIY Wooden Beer Tote
Basic Plans

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Building a DIY wooden beer tote is a fun and practical woodworking project. You can create a custom beer tote to carry and display your favorite brews or make it as a thoughtful gift for someone who loves craft beer. Here are the step-by-step basic instructions to build a wooden beer tote.

Materials and Tools You'll Need:

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- 1x6-inch or 1x8-inch wood boards (roughly 3 to 4 feet in total length)
- 1/4-inch plywood or hardboard for the bottom and divider

- Wood glue
- 1 1/4-inch wood screws
- Wood stain or paint (optional)
- Wood finish (varnish or polyurethane)
- Carrying handle
- Sandpaper (120-grit and 220-grit)
- Ruler or measuring tape

Tools:

- Circular saw or miter saw
- Jigsaw
- Screwdriver
- Clamps
- Pencil
- Safety gear (safety glasses, ear protection, dust mask)

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Prepare the Wood:

- Measure and mark your wood boards. You'll need two long side pieces, two short end pieces, and a handle.
- Use the circular saw or miter saw to cut the boards to the desired lengths. Standard dimensions are about 12 inches for the long sides, 6 inches for the short ends, and about 7 inches for the handle. Adjust these dimensions to fit the number of beer bottles you want to carry.

Cut the Handle:

- Use the jigsaw to cut a handle-shaped hole in the center of one of the long side pieces. This is where the handle will be attached.

Assemble the Sides:

- Apply wood glue along the edges of the short end pieces.
- Attach the short end pieces to the long side pieces to form a rectangular frame.
- Use clamps to hold the pieces together while the glue dries.
- Reinforce the joints by drilling pilot holes and securing them with 1 1/4-inch wood screws.

Add the Bottom:

- Measure and cut a piece of 1/4-inch plywood or hardboard to fit inside the bottom of the tote.
- Apply wood glue around the edges of the bottom piece and slide it into the frame.
- Secure it in place with screws through the bottom of the tote.

Create the Divider:

- Measure and cut a piece of the same material (1/4-inch plywood) to create a divider for the beer bottles.
- Attach the divider to the bottom of the tote using wood glue and screws.

Sand and Finish:

- Sand all the surfaces to smooth out any rough edges or imperfections using 120-grit sandpaper. Then, sand with 220-grit sandpaper for a smoother finish.
- Apply wood stain or paint if desired. Allow it to dry completely.
- Apply a wood finish (varnish or polyurethane) to protect the wood and give it a polished look. Allow it to dry thoroughly.

Attach the Handle:

- Screw the handle into the hole you cut in step 2.

Final Touches:

- Sand any rough edges or areas where paint or stain may have dripped.
- Clean the tote and make sure all components are securely fastened.

Your DIY wooden beer tote is now complete! You can use it to carry your favorite beers or to give as a thoughtful gift. Customize it further by adding bottle openers, a bottle cap catcher, or any other accessories you prefer. Enjoy your woodworking project and your favorite brews!

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