

A Visual Guide How to Make a Simple Album Jig



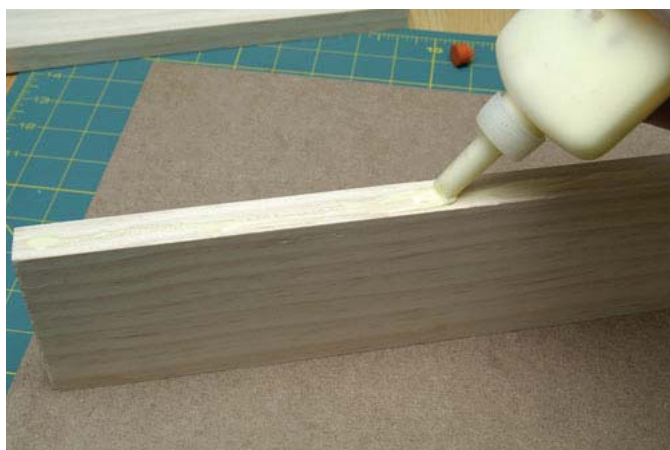
For those of you starting out in album making sometimes a few simple tools will make the job go smoother. For adhering folded album pages to each other I made this simple jig that will help keep the pages square.

Please note: these instructions are for a basic jig. You can make a bigger or smaller one by increasing or decreasing the size of the base and sides. The same construction techniques apply.



To make the jig, you will need:

- 1 piece 1/2"X12"X16" MDF or plywood
- 1 piece 1/2"X4"X11" pine board
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- Wood glue
- A few finishing nails 1 1/4" is a good size
- Hammer

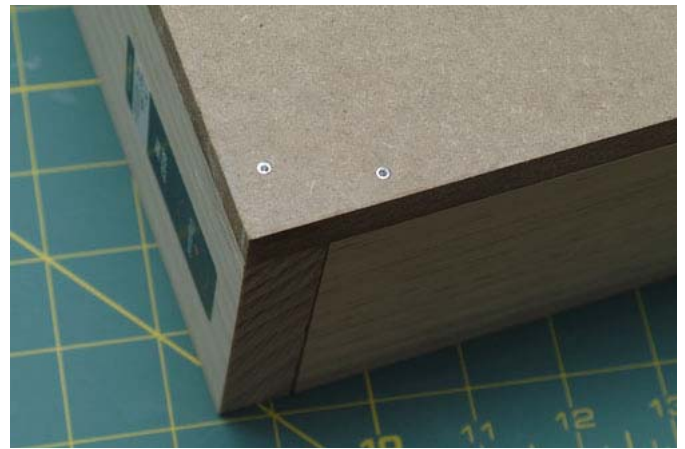


Add glue to one long edge of the 16" pine board. You want a thin layer of glue. Just enough to hold the boards together. Place the glued board onto the edge of the base board making sure that it is aligned with the edge. Let it sit while the glue dries.

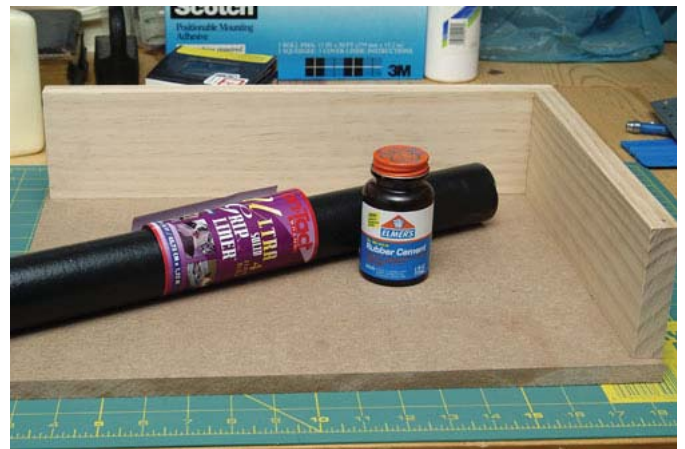
Keep a moist rag nearby to wipe up any excess glue.



When the glue on the first piece is set, put glue on one long edge and one short edge of the second piece of board and line it up on the edge of the base parallel to the first piece you glued on. You can use an L-ruler to help keep the two boards square. Leave the jig sit until the glue has dried on the second board. You can glue the second piece to either the left or right side. I glued mine on the right so it will be on the left when in use.



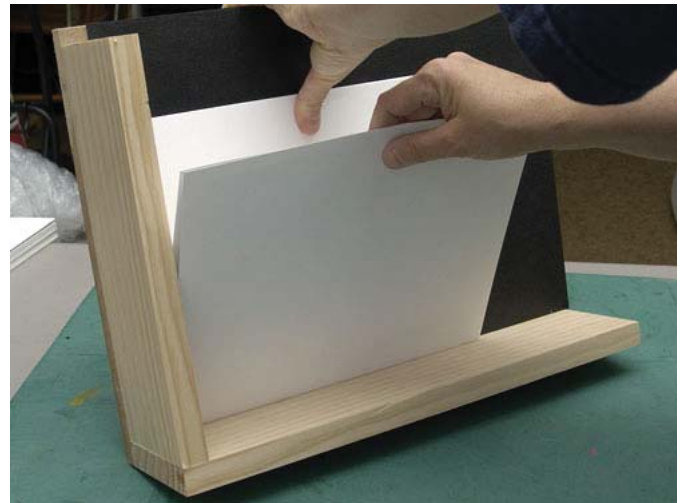
After the glue has dried you can turn over the jig and add a few nails along the each edge to help keep the sides from coming off with use. 3 or 4 on each edge should be sufficient.



At this point your jig is finished. I do recommend that you line the base of your jig with some Contact Ultra Grip Liner. I found that occasionally the bottom photo would slip while I was stacking the photos for gluing causing the bottom few photos to be out of alignment at the spine. I got an 18" X 4' roll from my local Home Depot for about \$5.00. It's worth the investment to avoid any aggravation.



Attach the liner by applying a thin coat of rubber cement both to the wood base and to the rubber liner. Then press them together and smooth down with either a brayer or a squeegee tool to get good contact between the two surfaces.



To use your jig for adhering your pages together, first tip your jig up at an angle then place one folded page in the jig. Peel the adhesive off of the back of your next folded spread and carefully line it up with the one in the jig making sure that the spine is flush with the bottom edge.

For more detailed instructions on the flush mount process please see <http://www.tjbookarts.com/album.htm>

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