

THINK ABOUT MAKING A TABLE

Tools & Resources To Do It

Bush Honeysuckle **It's Everywhere & Free!**



Tools needed include:
Safety Glasses and Gloves
Basic Set - Loppers, handsaw, drill/screwgun, drill bits, screws, file/rasp and sandpaper.
Expanded Set - Jigsaw, clamps & lag bolts for big tables.

Tops can be made of any kind of wood or whatever you dream up. Repurposed materials are the best. A great resource is [Lumber Logs](http://www.lumberlogs.blogspot.com) an urban tree recycler that sells lumber that is native to Missouri.
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REMOVE & USE BUSH HONEYSUCKLE

In North America, bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) is a non-native **invasive species**. With no natural competition to keep it in check, it spreads uncontrollably.

Honeysuckle leafs out early, blocking spring sun from reaching native plants & roots crowd out natives too. Stopping this invader is important to restoring ecological biodiversity for animals, plants and for people too. Replant with native bushes and trees!

For native plant info go to www.grownative.org

To find out how important our ecological biodiversity is, go to www.BiodiverseCitySTL.org

WHY THINK ABOUT TABLES?

Bush honeysuckle wood is sturdy and strong. Branches grow in interesting shapes. It's ideal for transforming a problem into a creative opportunity!

Tables can balance with only three legs. Handy to have and gratifying to make on many different levels.

Information regarding bush honeysuckle & the schedule for table making workshops go to www.woodworms.net

THINK ABOUT TABLES



**MAKE
A TABLE
FROM
INVASIVE**

BUSH HONEYSUCKLE

**&
YOUR Imagination!**

9 STEPS TO THINK ABOUT FOR MAKING A TABLE

...BEING CAREFUL IS THE ONLY RULE...



1st Figuring out how to get table legs out of a bush requires some

imagination. Look at it upside down, the thin upper parts of the branches are the bottom of the legs and the thicker trunk of the bush becomes the top of the base. The thicker part gives

you a surface area to attach the table top. A **triangle** table base is the simplest to work with but don't let that stop you. Carefully plan your cuts & leave **extra length** for the final cuts.



2nd Find a **flat level** surface and slowly cut the legs so the base becomes upright, balanced & stable.

The **shortest** leg will determine the height of your table. Hang the longest leg over the edge of your work surface, that will help you determine where to cut the legs that are too long.

3rd To cut the base top level: find a stool or bucket & some blocks of wood that stack up to the height you want. This needs to be **parallel** with the work surface. Make sure it's **stable**. Lay the saw **flat** on this surface & then **slowly** cut the top of the base.



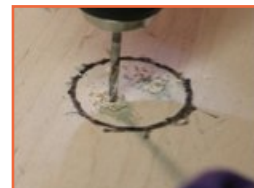
4th Attaching a tabletop can happen in many ways. Here's one way. Cut a piece of wood that's not too big & not too small but just right for the legs.

5th Set the top on the stick base then center & balance it.



Hold the top down & trace around the stick top onto the underneath side of the table top.

6th Take the top off, turn it over & drill 2 holes inside the outline. Use a drill bit the **same** outside diameter as the screws you will use to attach the top.



7th Turn the top back over & put it back on the stick base & line up the traced outline. Use a **smaller** diameter drill bit & drill through the same holes from the top into the base.



8th Put the screws into the top just far enough so that screw points stick out of the bottom. Set the top back on the base, line up the outline & the screw points with the drilled holes in the base & screw the top on.



THINK ABOUT IT, YOU JUST MADE A TABLE !

9th Branch out, do another one. There's plenty of Bush Honeysuckle

Have Fun!



For workshop schedule info & an instructional video go to www.woodworms.net