

THINK ABOUT MAKING A TABLE

Tools & Resources To Do It

Bush Honeysuckle It's Everywhere!



Tools & Supplies depending on your skills & abilities

Safety Glasses and Gloves
Basic Set- Pruners, handsaw, level,
drill/screw gun, bits, screws,
screwdriver, a file/rasp and sandpaper.
Expanded Set-Chainsaw (ear protection),
jig saw, clamps and lag bolts.

Cedar is great for exterior tops.

Interior tops can be almost any kind of
wood. Repurposed is best!

A great resource is [Lumber Logs](http://www.lumberlogs.blogspot.com).
This urban tree recycler sells rough-sawn
lumber that normally would
end up being ground up or
buried in a landfill.

www.lumberlogs.blogspot.com

WHY USE BUSH HONEYSUCKLE?

In North America, bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) is an **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 & the roots crowd them out too.

Stopping this invader is important to restore ecological biodiversity for animals, plants – and for people. Replant with native bushes and trees!

For more native plant info go to

www.grownative.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.

For more info or to schedule
a workshop go to

www.woodworms.net



For more info about how important
Biodiversity is go to

[BiodiverseCity St. Louis](http://BiodiverseCitySt.Louis)

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MAKE ONE FROM
INVASIVE HONEYSUCKLE BUSH
&
YOUR IMAGINATION!

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**. It's **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. This thicker part gives you a better surface area to attach the table top. A triangle base is easiest to work with but don't let that stop you. Look carefully & plan your cuts.



Leave extra length for final cuts.

2nd - Find a flat **level** surface and slowly cut the stick legs so the base is **upright & balanced.**



3rd - To make the top of the table base level, draw a line around the base top using a level to guide the line. Next slowly cut through the line to give a **flat and level surface.**



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

5th - Set the tabletop onto the stick base top then **center & balance it.** Then hold down the tabletop to the



base & trace around the stick base top underneath onto the bottom side of the tabletop.



6th - Take the top off, turn it over & drill 2 holes inside the outline. Use a drill bit just a little smaller in diameter than the screws you will use to attach the tabletop.



7th - Turn the tabletop back over & put it back on the stick base & line up the traced outline. Drill through the same holes in the tabletop & into the base.



8th - Take the tabletop off & drill through the tabletop hole using a drill bit just larger than the screw threads.



9th - Put the screws into the tabletop 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!



10th - Evolve from these basic steps and have **FUN!**



THINK ABOUT IT,
YOU JUST MADE A TABLE !