

THINK ABOUT MAKING A TABLE

Tools & Resources To Do It

Bush Honeysuckle It's Everywhere & Free!



Tools needed depending on skills & abilities.

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 any kind of wood or what ever you dream up.

Repurposed materials are the best.

A great resource is [Lumber Logs](http://www.lumberlogs.blogspot.com). An urban tree recycler sells species of lumber that's native to our area.

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

Find out how important our ecological biodiversity is go to

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

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

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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. Look carefully & plan your cuts.



2nd Find a **flat /level/** surface and slowly cut the legs so the base becomes upright & balanced. The shortest leg will determine the height the table.



3rd To cut the base top parallel with the surface you are working on. Find a stool or bucket & some blocks of wood that stack up to the height you want. 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 it down & trace around the stick base 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 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 !



An instructional video at woodworms.net