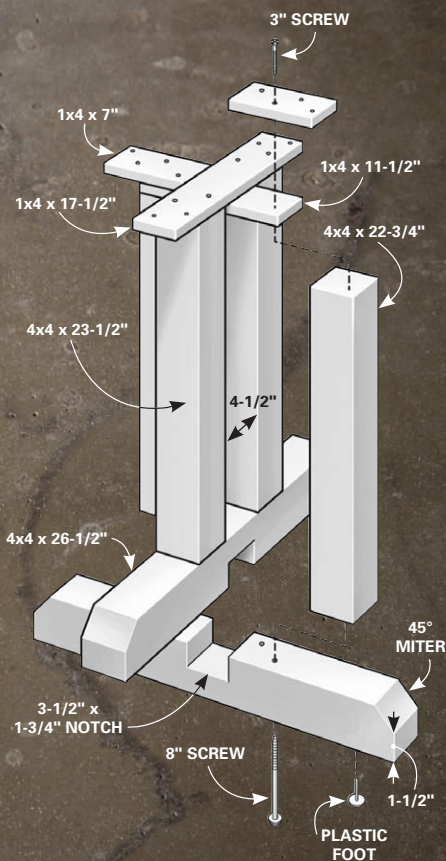


Figure A Pedestal

The tabletop height is 30 in. The top itself is 30 x 30 in. and 2 in. thick.



■ To cut the half-lap joints, set the cutting depth on your circular saw to 1-3/4 in. Cut a series of kerfs no more than 1/8 in. apart. Break out the slices with a hammer and chisel.

■ Fasten the top to the pedestal with eight concrete screws. Construction grout is easy to drill; you don't need a hammer drill. Wrap tape around the drill bit to mark the depth, and be super-duper careful not to poke through the top.

Pedestal materials

2 4x4 x 8' cedar

1 1x4 x 8' pressure-treated

8" construction or lag screws, 1-3/4" concrete screws, 3" screws, furniture feet, exterior stain.

Tabletop materials

150 lbs. of construction grout, 3/4-in. melamine (sold in 4 x 8-ft. sheets), Quikrete Cement Color (10 oz.), spray lubricant, plastic cement tub, 2-1/2-in.-wide foil tape, 2-in. nails or screws, unsanded tile grout (black or charcoal), tile or stone sealer, welded wire mesh.