Subject: tower pic
Posted by Troy Moore on Sat, 07 Jan 2006 14:47:54 GMT
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I finally got around to taking a pic of the towers. This was my first attempt at wood finishing and I wasn't too happy with the results. One day I'll probably build a better looking pair of cabinets. In the mean time I'm building a center channel that resembles a studio one with the drivers mounted on the narrow "side" to keep it around 9" tall. http://tmoore.cjb.cc/speakerpic.html

Subject: Re: tower pic
Posted by Shane on Sat, 07 Jan 2006 17:22:37 GMT
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They look pretty damn good in the pic! A whole lot beeter than mine right now (still bare MDF). What about the finish don't you like?

Subject: Re: tower pic
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 07 Jan 2006 17:49:14 GMT
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I think they look great!

Subject: Re: Sure look good to me! nt
Posted by Bill Epstein on Sun, 08 Jan 2006 12:58:51 GMT
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Subject: Re: tower pic
Posted by Troy Moore on Sun, 08 Jan 2006 13:36:57 GMT
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I used 3/4" oak plywood with the corners mitered 45 degrees using a circular saw. When the sides

were finished I taped them together, glued the joints, and folded them into a big open ended box. The construction went better than I expected, but the places where the glue had squeezed out and was wiped it off during assembly wouldn't take the stain when I went to finish them. Even after much sanding I couldn't get completely rid of the residual glue. The best tip that I came across was to soak a small piece of 100 grit sandpaper in stain and sand over those spots. This worked pretty well in some areas and not at all in others. The worst spots are on the back of the speakers and on the sides that face the entertainment center, so you really don't notice it too much until you take a closer look, but I sure know about it. Next time I'll work to bring the grain out more and match the finish of the entertainment center better, and stain before gluing, I'm open for any other tips!

Subject: Re: tower pic
Posted by Bill Epstein on Sun, 08 Jan 2006 23:33:28 GMT
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It's so hard to know how much glue to use on a mitered joint. Ancient trick for any type of joint is to brush a 3 lb cut of shellac on the wood near the joint. The glue won't stick to it and alcohol is the solvent.Better is to final finish, stain and topcoat the entire panel before glue up. After all, the glue-up ends the construction and chances to mar the finish. Glue won't stick to varnish or poly or oil, either.Never wipe glue off raw wood. That let's it enter the pores, especially with a wet rag. Let it dry and then scrape it off.Hat's off to you for screwing up only the hidden edges:)

Subject: Re: tower pic
Posted by Spinjack on Mon, 09 Jan 2006 16:49:21 GMT
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Looks well matched to me (in the photo, at least). Nicely done.

Subject: Re: tower pic
Posted by GrantMarshall on Mon, 09 Jan 2006 21:27:39 GMT
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The type of advice that continues to make it worth checking out the forum.Best wishes for the new year Bill.Grant.
