

A Rack for your K-Body Clamps

I really like my Bessey K-body clamps. Their parallel action and the fact that they are of such heavy duty construction make them the best choice for panel or table top glue-ups.

I recently added to my K-body collection when our local Woodcraft store had a sale (you can never have too many clamps!) so I needed a better way of organizing and storing these clamps to have them handy, but out of the way.

The following rack is what I came up with. It is made of $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{8}$ " Baltic birch plywood, heavily reinforced with triangular cleats. The drawings below give some dimensions, but you can use these as starting points.

The rack has worked out well, and is plenty strong enough to hold 10 k-bodies and the two pipe clamps depicted here.

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Note: These original drawings were made by me using Google's SketchUp – a free 3-D drawing program which has been embraced by woodworkers because of its ease of use and extreme functionality.

Popular Woodworking Magazine's Bob Lang has authored a very well-done tutorial which is available in our club library.



