

Let It Snow-My DIY Wooden Snowflake Shelf

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She recently posted about a new challenge she is hosting. Basically, you have to make a wooden snowflake. She provided a stencil to create a snowflake from a piece of plywood, but I really wanted to do something unique (if you know me, you know that is like the story of my life..."I wanted to do something different"). I was inspired by That's My Letter's [Christmas tree shelf](#) and Ana White's snowflake challenge to make my own snowflake shelf. I looked on Pinterest before building to make sure no one had already had this idea haha. I found nothing, so I was good to go :)

The build was pretty simple. The hardest part was getting the nail gun into all the weird angles. FYI keep in mind that everything was glued and nailed (no screws). While this will hold a significant amount of weight, it is not a good idea to weigh it down with heavy items.

The size is fairly easy to modify, but mine was about 35" in diameter.

You will need:

18+ feet of 1x4 (I used about 18 feet of lumber, but you may want to get a little more in case you make a mistake in cutting)

Nail gun (nails no longer than 1 1/2")

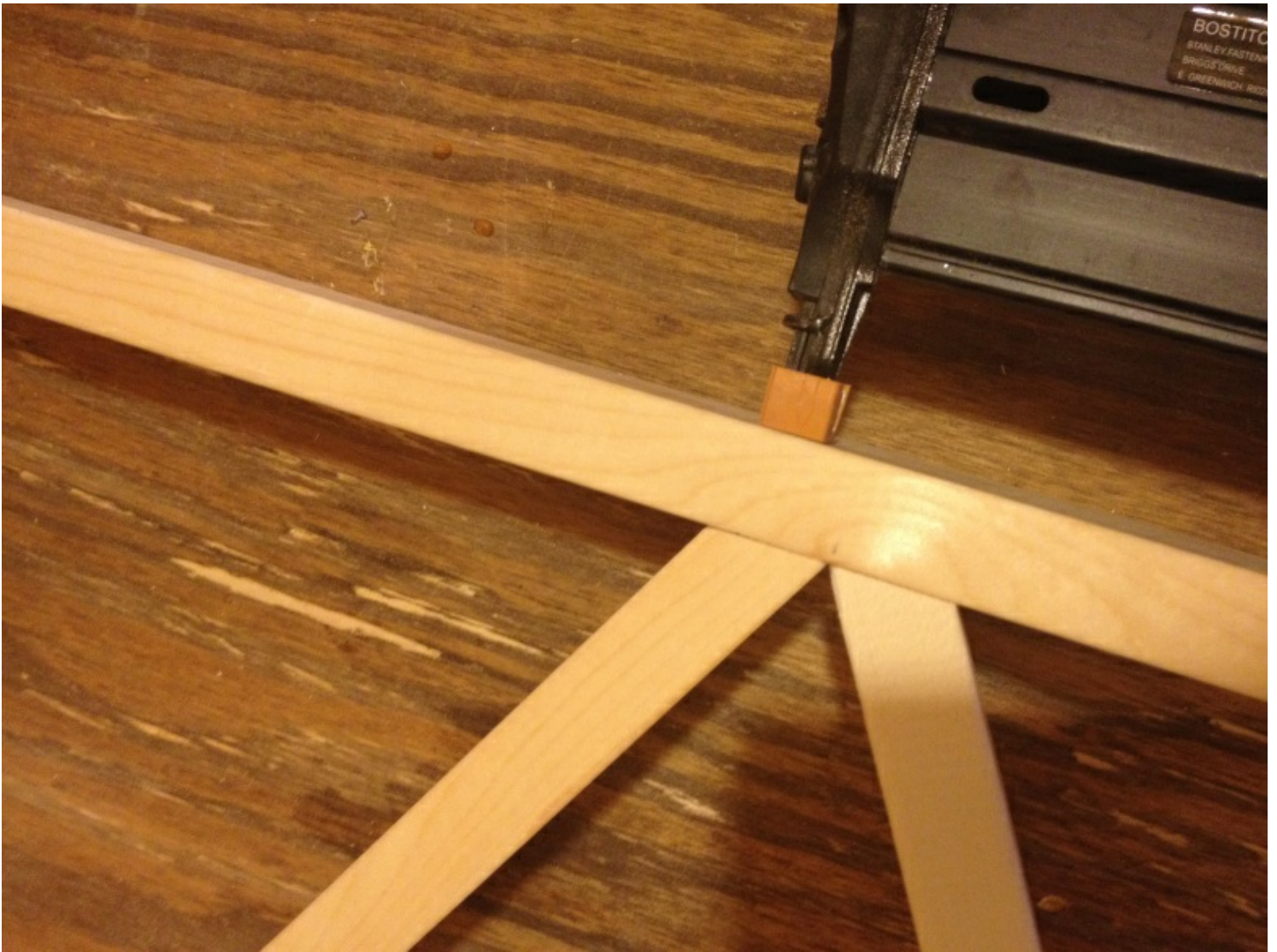
Glue

Miter saw

I cut a piece of 1x4 at 35" long and 4 pieces of 1x4 at 17" long (at the longest point) with a 30 degree bevel on one end.



Attach two 17" pieces to the center of the 35" piece with the nail gun and glue.



The first two will be easy to nail, but with the other two, it's hard to get the gun into the angles. Glue them to the other side of the 35" piece and shoot a few nails in as best you can. Clamp like the picture below to hold it tight in place until the glue dries.



While the glue dries, cut 12 pieces with 30 degree bevels on each end parallel to each other. These pieces should be six inches long.





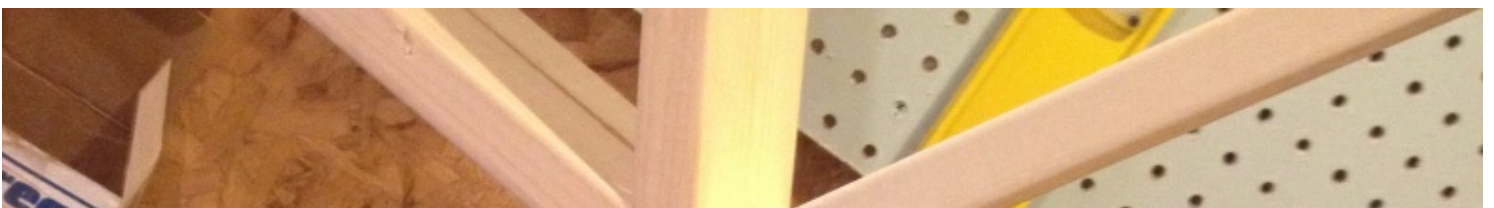
Pair these pieces and glue and nail them together like the picture below.

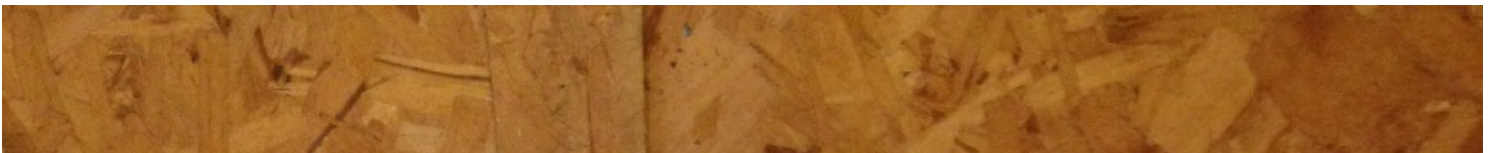
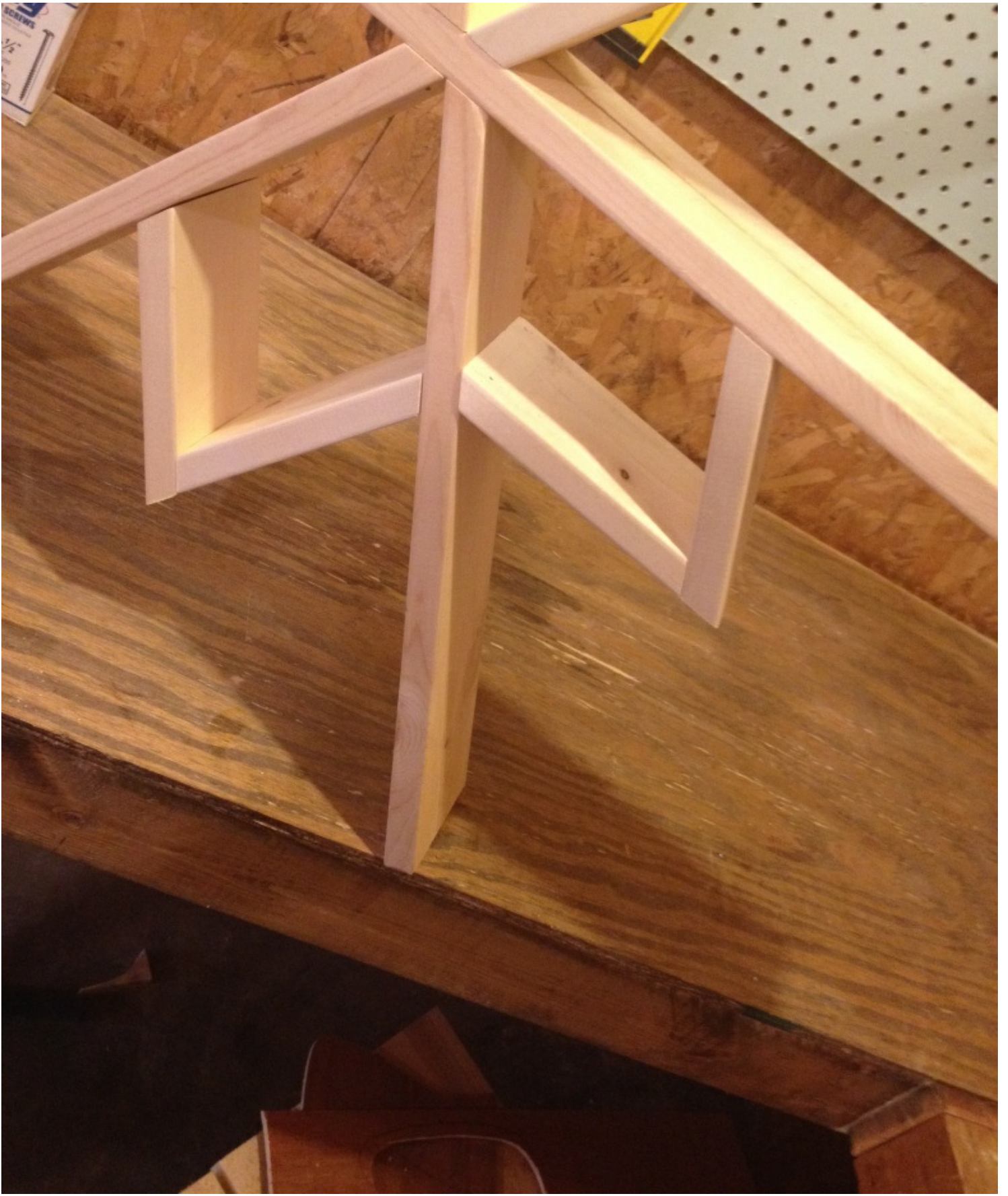


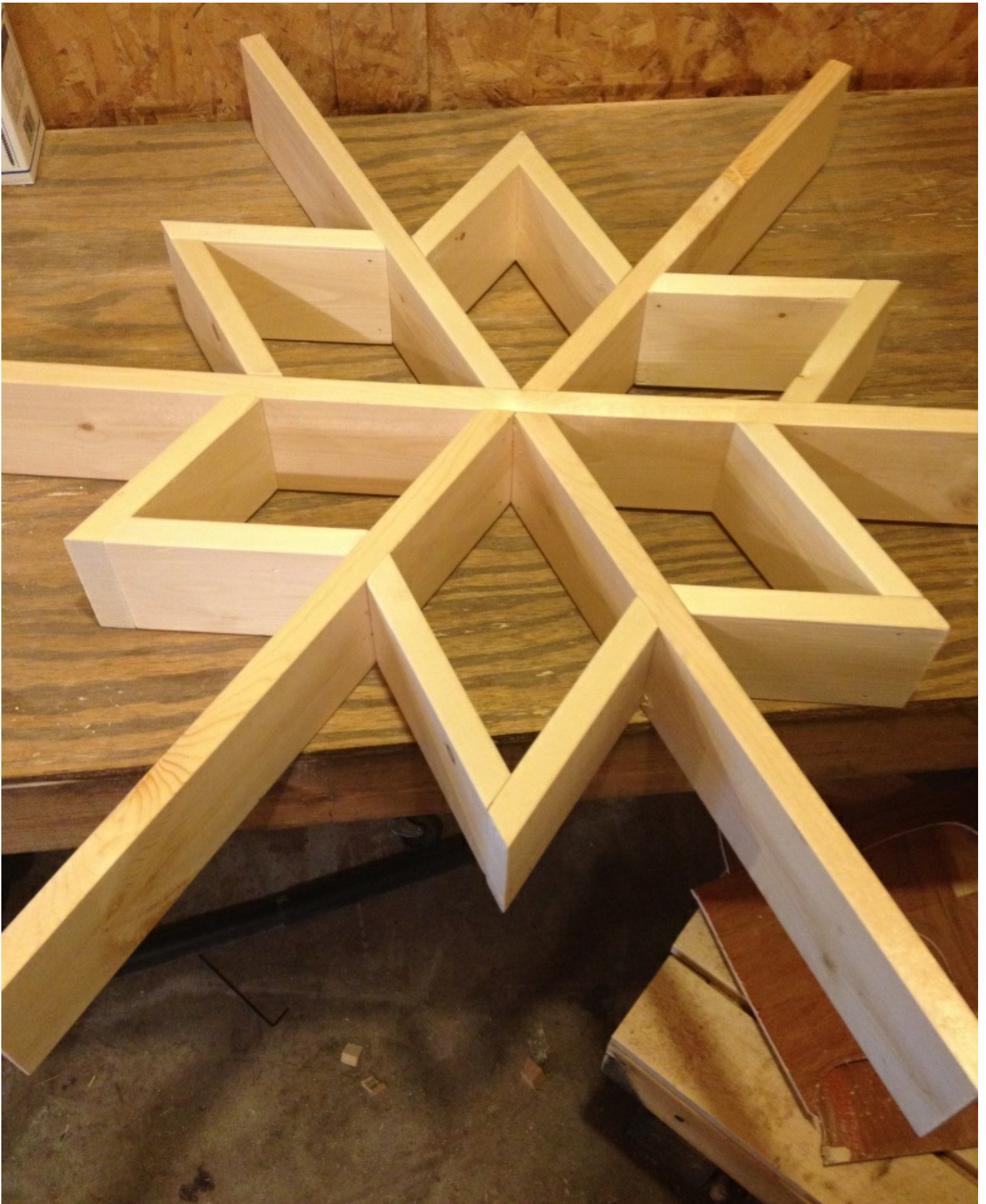


Once the glue had dried, attach these triangles to the main body of the snowflake you made first. Use both glue and nails. Sometimes the angles will be difficult to get the nail gun into, but it is doable. Make sure you use plenty of glue in case your nails do not hold very well.

Add the triangles one at a time around the flake.





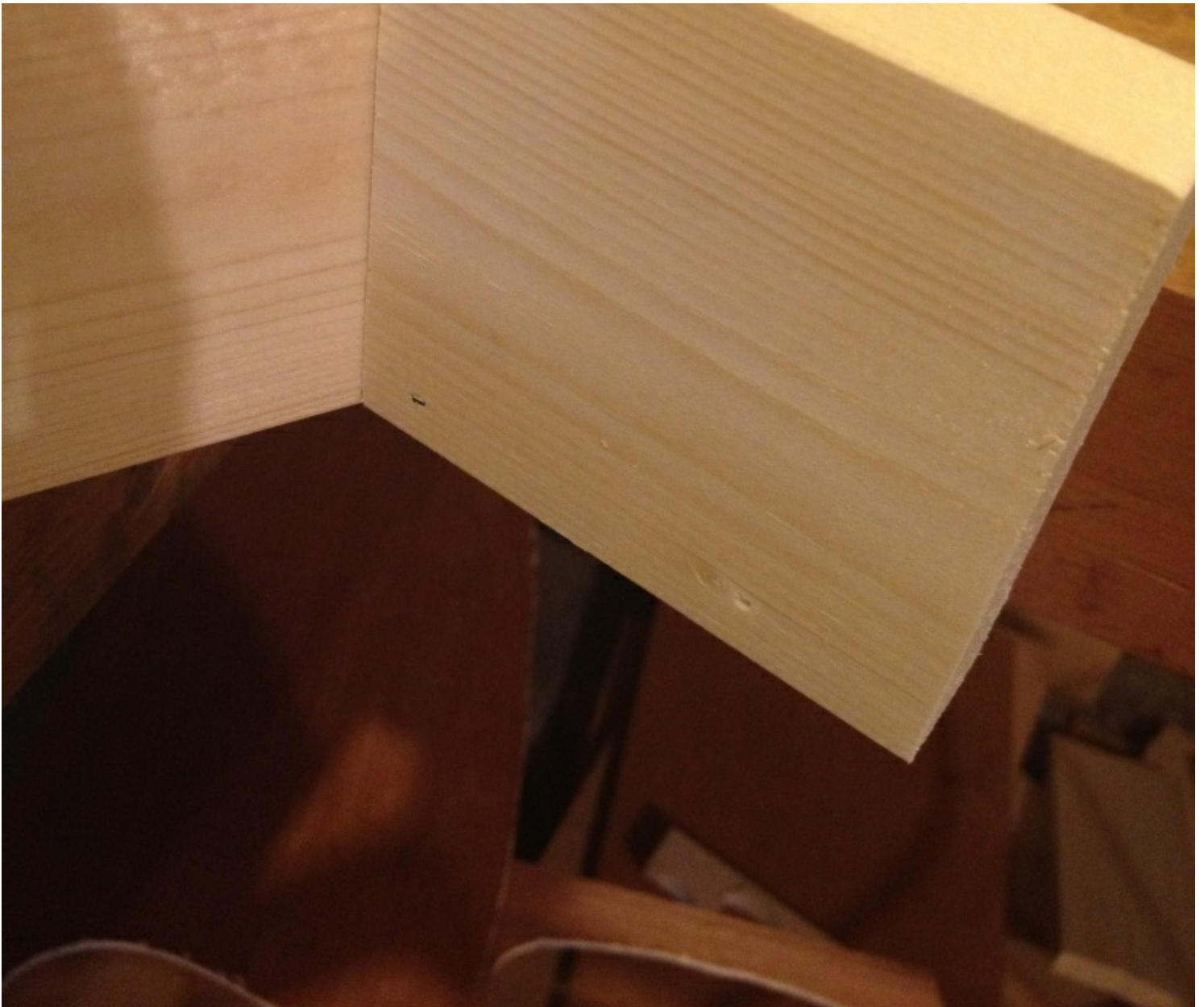


While that glue is drying, cut 12 pieces 3 1/2" long (at the longest point) with a 30 degree bevel on one end.



Attach these pieces to the end of each flake "arm" like the picture below. Use both glue and nails.





Let the glue dry well before hanging. You could paint or stain (if you didn't get glue everywhere while you were making it haha), but I liked mine natural.

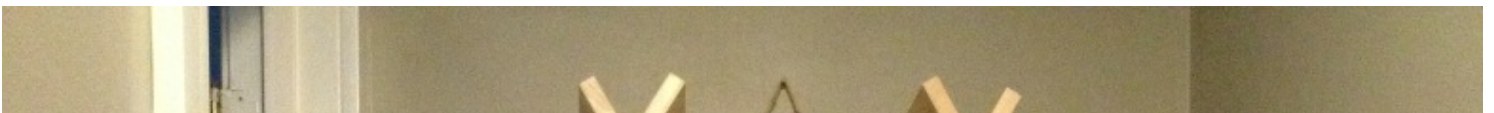
I tied twine around mine to hang, but you could use ribbon or use picture frame hangers to hang yours.

You can decorate however you would like. I kept it simple and used ornaments, pine cones, and fake gift boxes.





It's kind of a beast...I could have stood to make it a little smaller, but whatever....it's big enough to make a statement, right? haha.





Look at all those angles!! Don't be intimidated. Angles never hurt anyone :)



So what do you think of the GIANT wooden snowflake shelf?? If you wanted a deeper one, you could use a 1×6 or

1×8 (although that would be much heavier). If you make one yourself, I'd love to see your pictures!

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