Candy Cane Post
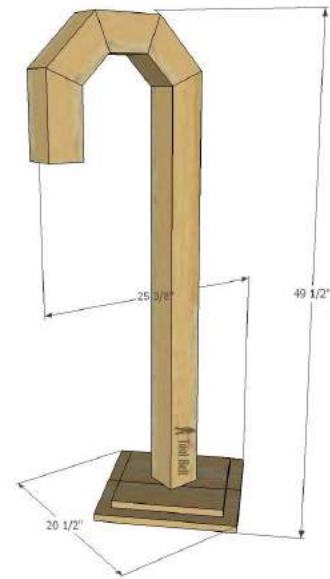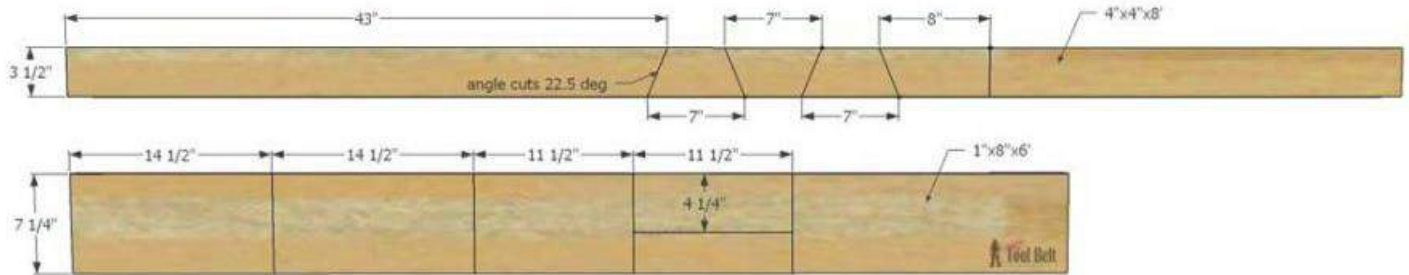
Materials

- 1 - [4" x 4" x 8' post lumber (douglas fir/pine)](#)
- 1 - [1" x 8" x 6' board (pine)](#)
- wood glue
- 7 - [1 1/4" pocket hole screws](#)
- 8 - [2 1/2" finishing screws](#)
- 6 - 2 1/2" screws (or longer)
- white paint ([I used white paint primer](#))
- [red paint](#)
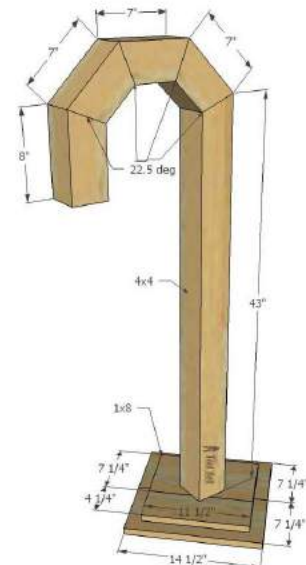- [black paint](#)
- [painters tape](#)
- sandpaper
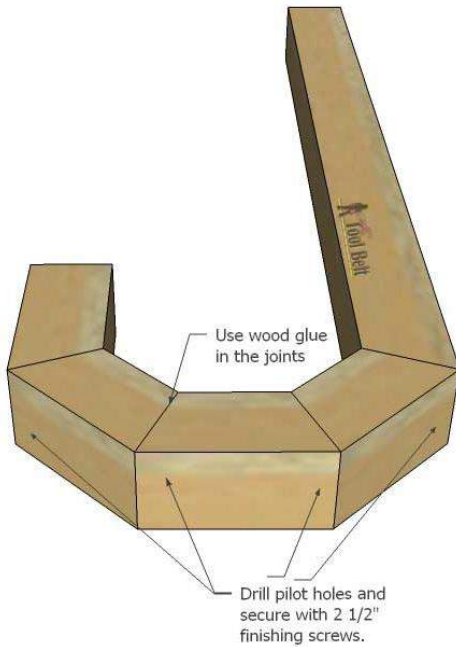- [hooks](#)

Cut Diagram

Cut List

- 1 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 43" post (22 1/2 deg miter on one end)
- 3 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 7" post (22 1/2 deg miter on both ends)
- 1 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 8" post (22 1/2 deg miter on one end)
- 2 - 3/4" x 7 1/4" x 14 1/2" board
- 1 - 3/4" x 7 1/4" x 11 1/2" board
- 1 - 3/4" x 4 1/4" x 11 1/2" board

Candy cane block placement

Step 1 - Assemble candy cane

The candy cane pieces are glued together and 2 1/2" finishing screws are added for strength.
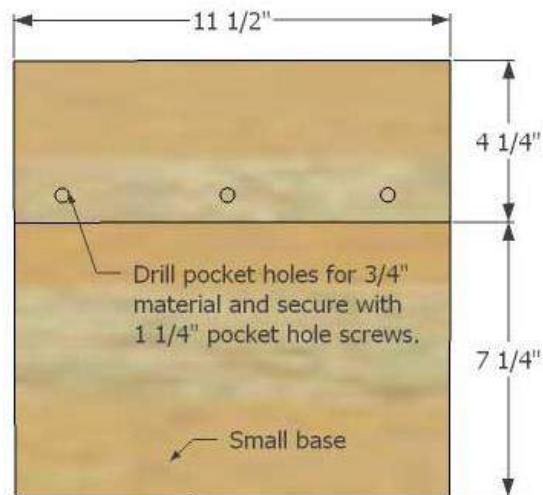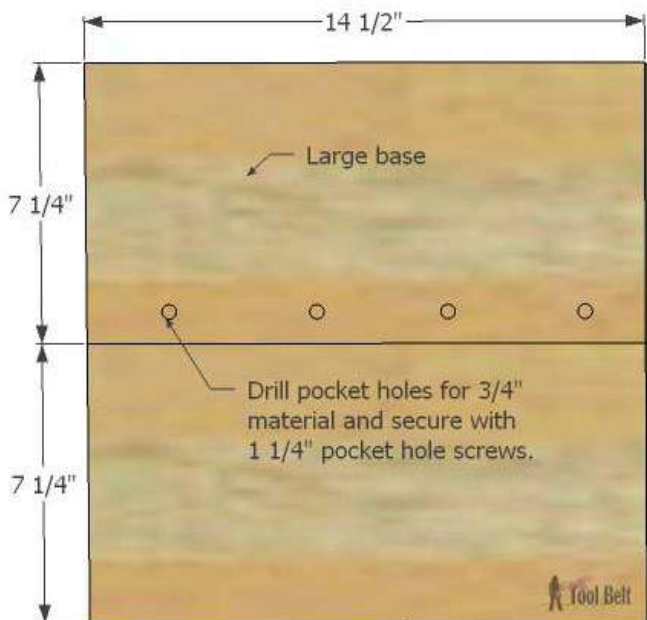
On each of the angled pieces, drill pilot holes for the 2 1/2" screws. The drill bit for the pilot hole should be about the size of the screw shank (solid part).

Add plenty of wood glue to the joint. Use clamps to assist assembly as needed. Secure candy cane pieces together with 2 1/2" screws.

Repeat for each joint until candy cane is assembled.

Use wood glue in the joints

Drill pilot holes and secure with 2 1/2" finishing screws.

Step 2 - Assemble bases

Drill about 4 pocket holes for 3/4" material in one of the 7 1/4" x 14 1/2" base pieces and about 3 pocket holes in the 4 1/4" x 11 1/2" base piece. Use wood glue and 1 1/4" pocket hole screws to join the large base and small base pieces.

14 1/2"

Large base

7 1/4"

Drill pocket holes for 3/4" material and secure with 1 1/4" pocket hole screws.

7 1/4"

11 1/2"

4 1/4"

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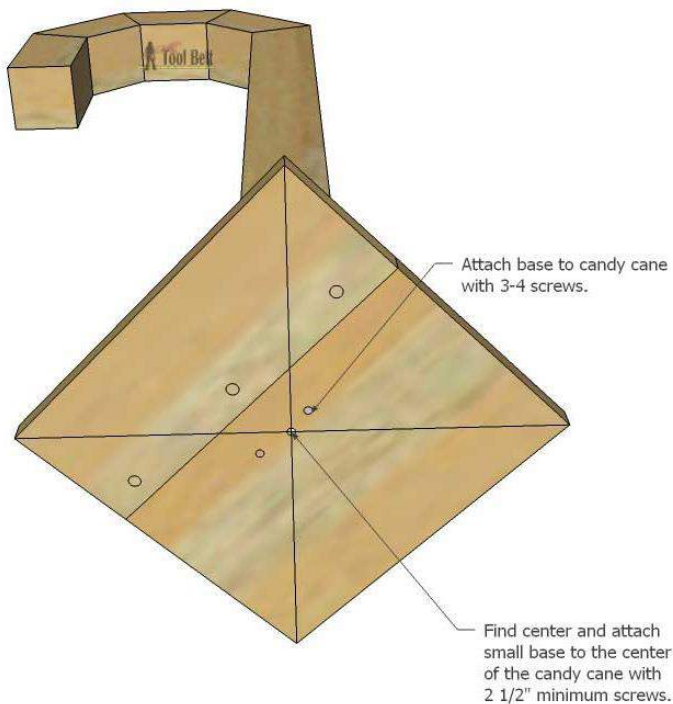
7 1/4"

Small base

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Remove any excess glue and sand smooth. If you want, route an edge around the outside edges of the bases.

Step 3 - Paint candy cane

- Paint the candy cane white (I used white prime) and allow to dry.
- Wrap the candy cane with painters tape to achieve the candy stripe.
- Paint the candy cane red.
- Remove the painters tape.
- When the paint is fully dry, distress the paint if desired.

Step 4 - Attach base to candy cane

Attach base to candy cane with 3-4 screws.

Find center and attach small base to the center of the candy cane with 2 1/2" minimum screws.

- Find the centers on the candy cane bottom and base bottoms (draw diagonals from each corner).
- Drill a countersink hole in the center of the small base. Use a 2 1/2" screw through the small base center into the candy cane end center.
- The base is oriented on the diagonal for stability.
- Drill a couple more countersink holes through the small base into the candy cane and secure with 2 1/2" screws.

- Center the large base on the small base and secure with screws.
- Add hooks to the candy cane stocking holder.

Attach large base to small base with screws.

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