COUNTRY GOOSE NAPKIN HOLDER

Take a gander at this accommodating accent for your kitchen table. It combines two well-loved country symbols—a goose and a heart—into a practical accessory.

Transfer the full-sized goose pattern on the opposite page onto ¾"-thick stock and the heart pattern onto ½" stock (we used clear white pine). To keep the neck portion strong follow the grain direction on the Exploded View drawing when laying out the pieces. With bandsaw fitted with a ¾" blade or a scrollsaw with a #9 skip-tooth blade, cut out the geese and heart shapes. (Double-faced tape allowed us to stack and cut out the geese and hearts in pairs.) From ¾" stock, cut the bottom of the holder to 2x4½". Cut or sand the ends of the divider to the same shape as the goose outline. Then, drill a pair of ¼" holes ½" deep in each heart where located on the full-sized pattern. Sand the parts.

For the best results, paint the geese before assembly, but mask the areas that will contact the base. (To paint the pieces, we used water-based acrylics and a no. 6 sable brush.) Apply the gray (a mixture of black and white), the black, and finally the white. Paint the hearts red.

To achieve the aged look, lightly sand the edges of each goose and heart after the paint has dried. To further age the project, rub on a brown-colored stain (we used a water-based acrylic) and immediately wipe off most of it. Using a ¼" brad-point bit, form a slight depression for each eye.

Glue the divider between the goose pieces. Cut two pieces of thin jute cord to 6½" long. Glue the ends of each cord into the holes in the heart. Hang the hearts around each goose neck, and fill the holder with napkins.

Project Tool List

Tablesaw
Bandsaw or scrollsaw
Belt sander
Drill
Bit: ¼"

Note: We built this project using the tools listed. You may be able to substitute other tools and equipment for listed items you don't have. You'll also need various common hand tools and clamps to complete the project.
Cut or sand the ends of the divider to the same shape as the goose cutouts.

Slight depression for eye made with a 1/4" brad-point bit

1/4" hole 1/2" deep

TWINE DETAIL

EXPLODED VIEW

FULL-SIZED PATTERNS
Here are several ways to build a bookcase. Certainly one way is to simply cut the lumber and nail it together. If you want a more finished product include rabbeting and dadoes. This will take a little more time but you'll like the finished product.

**Woodworking Skill:** Making dado joints, rabbeted corners and butt joints

**Life Skill:** Planning and organizing

**Success Indicator:** Builds a useable shelf

**Tools Needed:**
- Rabbet plane
- Hand saw
- Combination square
- Chisel
- Hand router

**Supplies Needed:**
- Lumber, glue, nails, finishing materials (i.e., paint, varnish, stain) product, goggles or safety glasses

*Note: The size of the bookcase and kind of wood to use are your choice. Modify Figure 1 showing dimensions and joints. Be sure to consider the width of the shelves and the size books it will hold. Check the Woodworking Tips for ideas.*
This simple project has its roots planted firmly in colonial America. But back then, boxes of this shape couldn't have held matches—they weren't invented until 1816. Rather, colonists stored delicate, long-stemmed clay pipes in similar wall-hung boxes.

**Cut the parts and carve the heart**

1. From ¾" pine (we resawed ¾" stock to this thickness), cut a piece 2¼" wide by 13½" long for the box back (A). Use carbon paper to transfer the full-sized top pattern outline and hole centerpoint to one end of the pine. Drill the ½" hole, and cut the back to shape.

2. Cut the sides (B), front (C), and bottom (D) to the sizes shown at right.

3. Transfer the full-sized heart pattern shown on page 59 to the front piece (C).

4. Carve the outline of the heart with an X-acto (we cut about ¼" deep). Using a ½" chisel, remove the stock inside the cut outline. (We used double-faced tape to hold the back securely to our workbench top when we carved the heart.)

5. Apply glue to the mating surfaces, and hold the box together with tape. Nail together the box with ½"x18 brads. Using a nail set, indent the nails slightly below the wood's surface.

6. Sand and paint the box. To achieve the country look as shown, refer to the country-finish technique in the Candle Box project on page 60. Then, read the section on finishing the sofa table for the names of the paints and finishes we used.

**Supplies:** double-faced tape, ½"x18 brads, finish.

**Project Tool List**

- Tablesaw
- Bandsaw or scrollsaw
- Drill
  - Bit: ¼"
- Finishing sander

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