



Commander's Console Desk DIY Surfaces Instructions

Step 1: Buy this stuff

This is what you'll need to get from the hardware store to finish the wooden desk surface and shelves. Please note that you can use any finish on the shelving that you prefer, this stain and polyurethane is just our suggested method.

Material	Quantity
24" x 48" (x1" depth) Shelf	1pc.
12" x 48" (x3/4" depth) Shelf	3pc.
220 Grit Sandpaper	Small pkg
Black Wood Stain	1 pint
Polyurethane (semi-gloss)	1 pint
Paintbrush	1
Paper Towels	1 roll

We suggest using solid wood paneling, which often comes in the sizes required. If that can't be found, use 3/4" oak, maple or other hardwood plywood.

Most national hardware stores will cut plywood into the sizes you specify.

You should do the work in a garage or other well-ventilated place because there will be a little sawdust and have paint fumes while the shelves dry.

Have the hardware store cut one of the 12" x 48" shelves into two 12" x 24" pieces, for the side shelves.

Step 2: Sand all boards thoroughly. Any edges used on the desktop or keyboard shelf should be as smooth as possible for comfort.

Clean residual wood dust off of boards with a damp cloth, let them dry.

Step 3: Take a small amount of stain and apply it to the boards with a rag. Gently rub it into the wood, making sure the stain is applied evenly. You usually want the grain to stand out, so you don't want to put too much on at once. You also might want to use some rubber gloves to keep your hands from getting stained; it's hard to clean. Let the stain dry according to the directions on the can.

Step 4: Apply the polyurethane with a paintbrush. Try to use gentle, long strokes so that it looks smoothest. Let the polyurethane dry according to the directions on the can. Apply 2 more coats.

You're done! Now just mount the surfaces on the desk where you want them!