



How to Build a Patio Cooler Stand Using Leftover Decking

Looking to put your leftover decking materials to good use? A patio cooler stand makes a great weekend DIY project. The number of boards you'll need will depend on the desired size and height of your cooler. We used Zuri® Premium Decking by Royal® and included the measurements below for easy reference.

ALL THE MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED:

- Styrofoam cooler
- Leftover decking boards (slats and L-shaped pieces)*
- 1 set of 2 1/2" zinc narrow hinges
- 1.5" nails
- Zinc handle

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22"/5.5" Slat Zuri board	6	Front and back panels for cooler body
17"/5.5" Slat Zuri board	6	Side panels for cooler body
20"/5.5" Slat Zuri board	6	Lid and bottom of cooler body
38" L-shaped Zuri board	6	Legs
14" L-shaped Zuri board	2	Brace for lid interior

Step 1



Measure and cut the wood that will surround the cooler. Measure and pre-drill pilot holes for connecting your boards together.

Step 2



Build a rectangular box using the wood you measured for the front, side and bottom panels. Insert 1.5" screws into pre-drilled pilot holes. Repeat process for the other two cooler body segments. Build the bottom of the cooler on one of the boxes.

Step 3



Align your three boxes. Pre-drill one hole in each of the side panels to align with desired leg placement.

Step 4



Line up L-shaped decking pieces so the edges are flush with the top of the cooler body. Using a Phillips head screwdriver or drill attachment, carefully connect the L-shaped legs to the cooler body using 1.5" screws.

Step 5



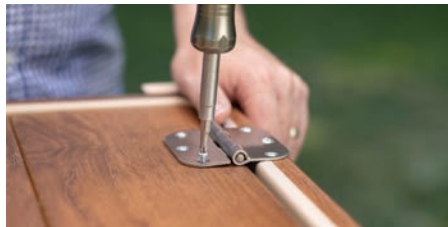
Align the slats needed to form the lid of the cooler holder. Use smaller pieces to create cross braces to connect your lid pieces.

Step 6



On the topmost front panel, measure down 1" and install a lid stopper using a 4" section of decking.

Step 7



Screw hinges into the body of the cooler.

Step 8



Screw the handle to the lid.

Step 9



Drop in your cooler, fill with ice and your favorite summer beverages. Enjoy!