GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. Main legs measure down 36" or 48" and attach top step
2. Measure up 12" and attach bottom step
3. Space other steps evenly between top and bottom
4. Bolt top rail to inside of legs
5. Bolt top rail and floor rail in position
6. Adjust seat support to comfort level
7. Bolt bracing to align floor and top rail to 90°
8. Screw decking to floor rail allowing space at back
9. Notch back seat deck to align with tree/attach other
10. Attach eye bolts to notched seat piece
11. Attach chain to one eye bolt
12. Paint screw heads with flat black paint
13. Chain may be combined with lock for security
14. To transport, remove bolt at upper end of bracing to collapse stand.

Tools needed:
- Drill
- Bits for bolt holes 5/16"
- Wrenches
- Phillips screw driver
- Drill jig
- 1" bolts 1/2" screws
- 2" bolts on 6" spacing
- Optional Camo Blind:
  - Cut 2-48"x36" 1/2" plywood
  - Cut piece 13x13"
  - Cut 2-48"x1/2" plywood
  - Drill 1/4" holes
  - Install 1/4" x 1/2" screws with nylon or brass serrated
  - Insert blind, glue and screw
  - Hang blind from stand

Material List:
- 2-4x4"x10" treated
- 7- 2x4"x10" treated
- 1- 2x6"x6" treated
- 2- 1x6"x8" treated
- 4- 5/16"x4" hex head bolts
- 3- 16"x6" flat washers
- 16- 8/16" Loc nuts
- 1/2" b3" deck screws
- 1- 3/16"x48" chain
- 1- 3/16"x6" chain
- 1- turn buckle
- 1- 3x3/8"x6" eyebolts w. nuts and washers

Cut List:
- A) 2-4x4"x10" legs
- B) 5-2x4"x36" uprights
- C) 6-2x4"x18" bracing
- D) 12-1x6"x36" floor boards
- E) 8-1x4"x32" top rail
- F) 2-3x6"x24" seat deck support
- G) 1-3x2"x24" seat deck w. 1 tree notch
- H) 1-3x2"x24" head support
- I) 1- 3x2"x24" head support
- J) 2- 3x2"x24" head support
- K) 1- 3x2"x24" head support

36" Meticulously reviewed by Mike Mock, 2003 MDHA magazine. We have slightly modified the plans in the Spring issue, and additional modifications have been submitted by MDHA members George Bilinski and Dale Schmidt. We have decided to rework the plans.
Re-print permission for the Scheierl Stand obtained from the MN Deer Hunters Association.
This section features several "home-made" deer stands.

When building a deer stand from scratch; insist on building one that is safe, comfortable and affordable. Consider using some of the techniques used in the following deer stands:

**Beef Eater Deer Stand**
Thus deer stand was built in 2005 using all treated lumber. So far it is holding up to the weather fairly well. Only minor repairs have been required.

Close-up of platform. Entry is gained by sliding landscape fabric to the left.
Beef Eater Deer Stand Version 2

This Beef Eater deer stand was built in 2009.
Traditional Deer Stand

Common everyday deer stand built using all treated lumber.
This was my Tower deer stand. It didn’t stand a chance against 100 mile per hour straight line winds in a devastating July 2011 storm. (Glad I wasn’t in it at the time it crashed.) You could say; another one bites the dust.