

From Log End to End Table

The client has several log ends from trees that were cut down with an ax (no idea how long ago). They wanted them made into end tables. The ax cut end is to be the bottom and the sawed end will be the top.

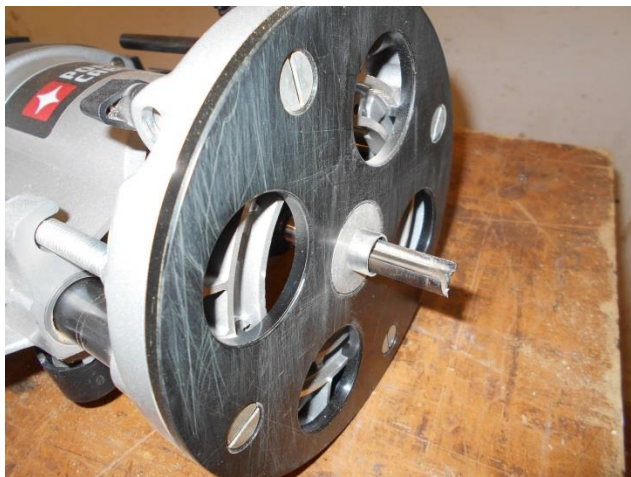
All I need do is to put legs on it. This was sort of a rush job so you could say that I was “working the wood from both ends”. Most of the tables will be given three legs while the two larger ones will have four. The first step was to find the center of the flat end. Ballpark is plenty close, doesn’t need to be dead on accurate. Using a protractor, I then marked off either 120 degrees or 90 degrees from the center to accommodate either three or four legs.



I then transferred those lines to the outer circumference of the log and attached the router fixture with screws aligning it with those lines.



Using a plunge router, guide bushing and ½ inch straight bit I routed out 1 ½ inch deep pockets to fit the legs into. The legs are held in place by glue and 4 inch long # 10 deck screws. The screw holes are then plugged.



The next two photos show a set of three legs and one leg in place. Notice the top ends of the legs are tapered (about 5 degrees) to give the leg's a slight splay outward on the bottom end.



Here are the completed end tables made from the ends of logs (ends meet, end to end...)
Just need to sand the tops, plane the plugs flush and that'll be the end of it.



Now before you give me any credit or criticism on the idea of using the end of a log for an end table
I must say that the idea is not mine... I was just the facilitator, making what the client wanted, a means

to an end but that's not the end of it. Next is the game table, I've seen it, took measurements and have come up with a plan. It's 48 inches in diameter and needs to be moved with a fork lift. I'll get some help and that will bring to an end this job of making end tables from the ends of logs. The end.

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There might be a riddle here.... "How many ends are there to this story?"..... Hmmm