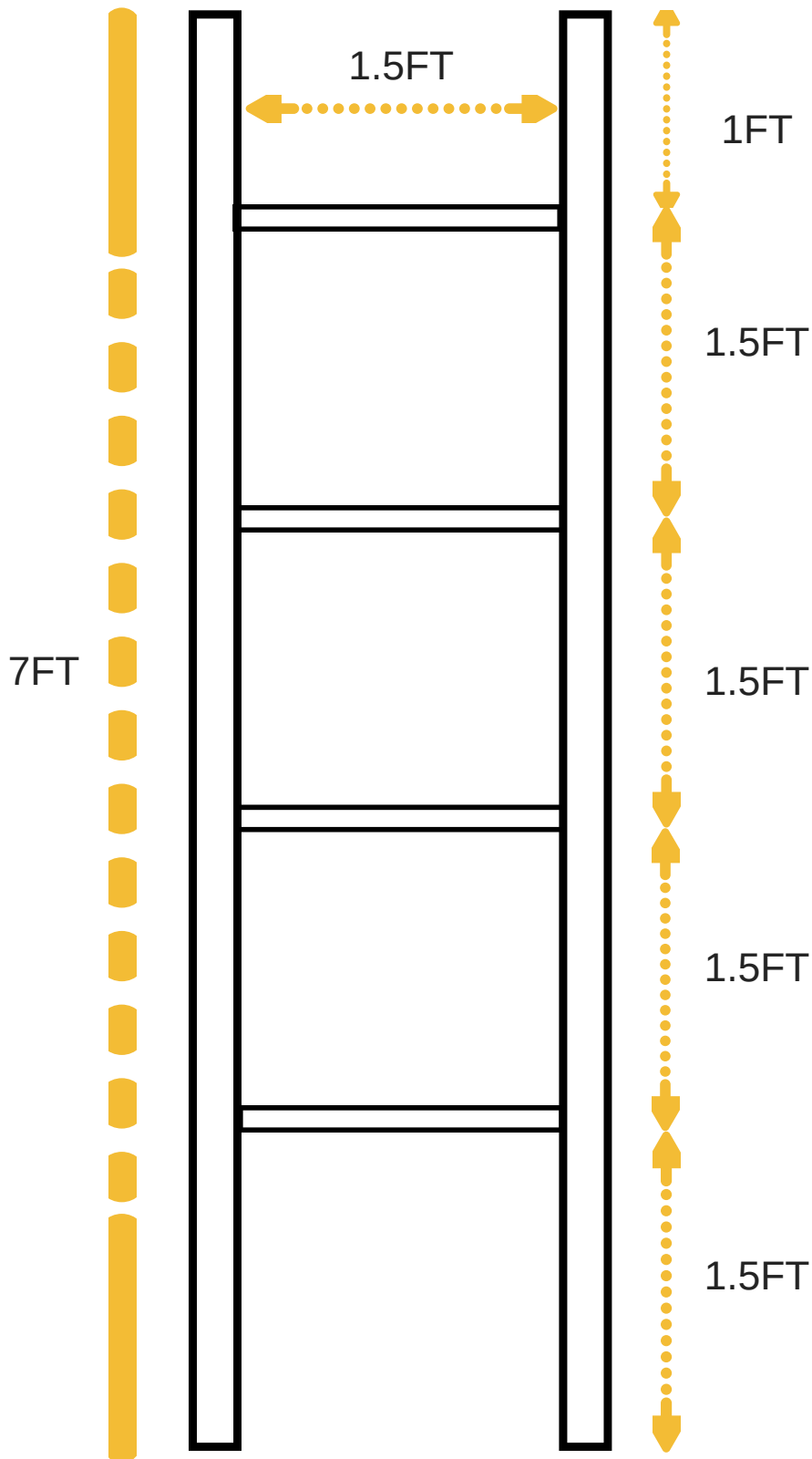




How to: Build a DIY Blanket Ladder

A Complete Step-by-Step Guide

BLANKET LADDER DIMENSIONS



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- (2) – 2" x 3" Wood board
- (2) – 1.25" x 48" Wood dowel
- (8) – 3/8" x 3.5" Lag bolt
- (8) – 3/8" Washer
- Interior wood stain
- Wipe on poly.

TOOLS NEEDED:

- Circular saw
- Speed square
- Tape measure
- Carpenter pencil
- Cordless drill
- 1.25" Forstner drill bit
- 3/8" drill bit
- 9/16" Ratcheting wrench
- Misc. tools for distressing (hammer, hatchet, bolts, screws, etc.)
- Paint brush ([here's our favorite set](#))
- Lint-free rag towel (or an old t-shirt)

STEP 1: MEASURE + MARK

- The 2" x 3" boards come in 8ft lengths. You will need to cut them down to 7ft. To get an angled end, make your cut-marks using a speed square. Place the speed square at the 3/12 rafter angle mark and draw a line.
- Next, use a tape measure to make 4 marks down the length of the boards where the rungs will be. Each rung should be 1.5ft apart. The top rung will only be 1ft from the top of the ladder. (Use the dimensions sheet above for reference.)

STEP 2: MAKE YOUR CUTS

- Using a circular saw, cut the boards down to 7ft at an angle with the previous marks as your guide.
- Using the 4 marks you previously made on the board, drill half way through with the Forstner bit. This will be where the dowels insert to make the ladder rungs. Then, with the 3/8" bit, pre-drill a hole for the lag bolts, in the center of the Forstner bit cutout. The hole will go all the way through the board.
- Cut the two dowel rods into (4) 1.5ft lengths.
- Use the 3/8" bit to pre-drill hole in the end of each dowel to prevent the lag bolt from cracking the wood. Do this by inserting a dowel into one of the Forstner bit cutouts to use the 3/8" hole as your guide.

STEP 3: DISTRESS

***This step is completely up to you! Add as little or as much distressing until you get the look you want.*

- Using whatever tools you have available, make small marks and cuts in the wood. I used a hammer to make small dents, a hatchet to chip the edges, and lag bolts to add uneven scrapes. (Once you apply the stain, these marks will be accentuated giving it a perfectly imperfect distressed look!)
- Sand down any rough edges.

STEP 4: STAIN + SEAL

- Apply the stain using an old paint brush or sponge. (I used Minwax Dark Walnut.) Wipe up any excess stain with an old T-shirt or lint-free towel. Let dry for a minimum of 8 hours.
- Once the stain is dry, seal the wood with 1-2 coats of sealant. (I used Minwax Wipe On Poly). Let dry for a minimum of 8 hours.

STEP 5: ASSEMBLE

- Insert the 4 rungs into the Forstner bit cutouts on one of the boards. Attach the other board by pushing the rungs into place.
- Lay the ladder on a flat surface and screw the lag bolts into the pre-drilled holes using a ratchet. This will secure the rungs into place.

YOU'RE FINISHED!