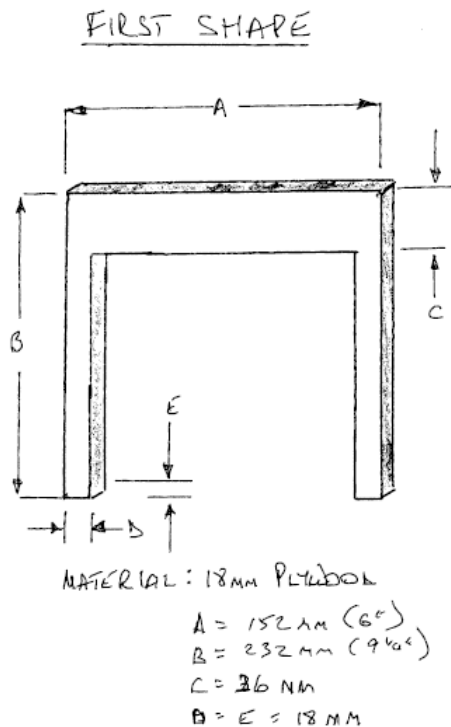
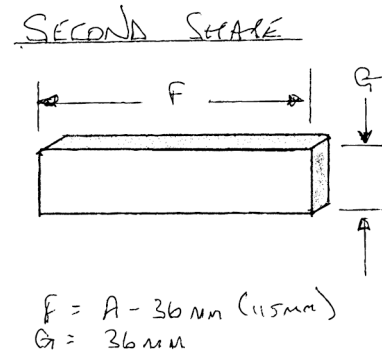


A table for your cascade bonsai

This is a simple design but still needs some woodwork tools and skills. I used 18mm plywood which may not have been the best choice, looks good on the front face but the edges are not quite so impressive, your choice.



You will need to cut out two shapes as shown here (first shape). The dimensions are somewhat arbitrary, you may want longer/shorter legs or a larger/smaller table top but this is what I used so it acts as a guide. To join them together you will need to cut another two pieces like this (second shape).



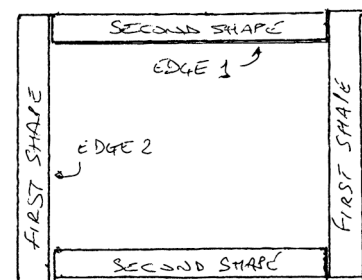
Before joining these together you will need to consider your skill/tools. I used a router to cut a recess 18mm deep on edges 1 and 2. Edge 1 can be routed straight from end to end and cut in 2mm but with edge 2 you will need to stop 16mm from each end.

The alternative to routing

is to put a small bead 18mm down on at least two opposing edges for the table top to sit on. Depending on which method you choose will determine the size of wood you need to cut for the top.

As you can see I have not managed to paint mine yet. My first thoughts are that a dark nail varnish would give the best finish but you will probably need several pots. Suggest finding an alternative and testing on one of the off cuts for suitability. I tried Hammerite and was not impressed with the result and lockdown has prevented me from trying anything else.

ASSEMBLED VIEW FROM ABOVE



Keith suggests a stain and beeswax may be a better combination.

