



build a daybed

Turn a ready-made arbor into a luxe outdoor divan with a few simple adjustments. Add stylish accessories and you've got the perfect backyard retreat



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SKILL LEVEL:

Intermediate

MATERIALS:

- Prefabricated garden arbor or kit
- 1/2"-thickness exterior-grade plywood cut to:
 - two 24"x36" panels
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 - one 24 1/2"x36 1/2" panel
 - one 25 1/4"x36 1/4" panel

(Note: Your measurements will vary based on the width of your arbor. For illustration purposes, these measurements are for a 24"-high, 36"-wide, 24"-deep seat to fit an arbor with an interior width of 3')

- 1/4" thickness exterior-grade plywood, cut to:
 - one 60"x38" panel
- (Note: Your measurements will vary based on the height of your arbor. The height of the this back panel should

match the vertical supports of your arbor, just beneath its arch, and be a couple inches wider than the arbor's width. For illustration purposes, this measurement is for an arbor with an interior height of approximately 78", with its vertical support panels approximately 60" high, and an interior width of 36".)

- 1x1s cut to:
 - four 24" lengths
- Half-round molding cut to:
 - Your desired lengths, depending on decorative pattern
- Galvanized screws
- Finishing nails
- Paint

TOOLS:

- Circular saw
- Power drill
- Screw and drill bits
- Compound miter saw (optional)
- Hammer
- Paintbrush

STEP 1: BUILD THE BOX SEAT:

- 1 If unassembled, construct the arbor per kit instructions, and set it aside.
- 2 Front & back panels: Lay one of the two 24"x36" plywood panels on a flat work surface. Take one of the 1x1s and lay it vertically 1/2" in from the edge of one of the 24" sides; screw it in. Repeat this step on the other 24" side, using another 1x1.
- 3 Prepare the second 24"x36" panel in the same manner, using the remaining two 1x1s.
- 4 Side panels: Screw each of the two 24"x24" plywood side panels into the 1x1 supports both on the front and back panels.
- 5 Box bottom: Place the 24 1/2"x 36 1/2" plywood panel onto the box frame. Pre-drill holes through the plywood into the 1x1s, then screw to secure. Flip box over.

- 6 Box top: Rest the 25 1/2"x36 1/2" panel on top of the box, setting it flush to the desired back panel, and therefore overhanging the front panel by about 1". Pre-drill holes down to the 1x1s, and screw the panel into place. Carefully hammer finishing nails down through the surface into the sides to further secure it.
- 7 Use a sander to sand all the exposed edges until they're smooth.

STEP 2: ADD THE BACK PANEL & THE ARBOR

- 1 Center the back panel to the back-side of the box seat, with slight equidistant overhang along the sides. Screw the panel into place, spacing screws evenly around the perimeter and being sure to drive some into the box's 1x1 vertical supports. (Have someone hold the panel in place while you work.)
- 2 Place the arbor over the bench. Secure the arbor to the bench by screwing through the back panel into the arbor's vertical supports. (Pre-drill, to avoid splitting the trellis wood or PVC.)

STEP 3: FINISH IT

- 1 If desired, add decorative molding or trim to the unit. We miter-cut half round molding and created rectangular frames, using finishing nails to attach them.
- 2 Paint the entire unit the same colour, following manufacturer's directions for application, and drying times.

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