

# Knockdown Camp Table

**S**COUTER R. LAWSON FOWBLE Jr., of Pack 19, East Worcester, N.Y., sent us this plan suggesting we publish it. He says that it's "...been floating around the Otschodela Council [Oneonta, N.Y., area] for several years." The originator's name has long ago disappeared.

If you need such a table, break out your power and hand saws, a mallet, and a sharp chisel. Try your hand at fabricating this handy item. All cuts must be exact. Your saw blade should cut on the "waste" side (where the wood is to be discarded) of all markings.

Scouter Fowble uses one 4 x 8-foot sheet of pressure-treated plywood,

any thickness from 1/2- to 3/4-inch. Thinner wood will hold lighter-weight kids. Older Scouts may demand a table built of the thicker dimension wood.

Fowble's plan here requires a 3/4-inch-thick sheet. Therefore, all notches are 3/8-inch wide. All slots must be cut the same width as the thickness of the plywood. If you saw a slot too deeply, you can cut a scrap of wood slightly oversize and pound it into the slot to reduce the depth. (All shaded areas of the plan are waste.) Sand all surfaces. Seal the wood with marine varnish.

From a sheet of 4 x 8 plywood springs a compact camp table that should serve any patrol or Webelos den anywhere.

Assemble the table by matching the slots and slipping the parts together. No metal fasteners are required. Tolerances are fairly tight to ensure a good fit with little wobble.

Until all pieces are fitted together, the camp table lacks lateral stability. And remember that notches and tabs may crack unless the assembly is completed carefully. Therefore an adult should supervise younger boys in assembling the table.

A table will easily support six to eight Cub Scouts.

