

# Ink Pad Holder Tutorial

This is not my original design. I was looking for ink pad storage on Pinterest when I found a pin showing that someone had made one. I loved the idea but couldn't find a tutorial, so I decided to figure it out myself. I don't know if this is how the original person on Pinterest created theirs, but this is how I made mine. I came up with the measurements, instructions, and built this on my own.

I wanted to share a tutorial that I've been asked to create. This is a great way to store ink pads in a smaller amount of space. I showed a photo on Instagram of an organizer I made out of foam core and put into a Recollections Organizer Cube – 3 Drawer that I purchased at Michaels.

**Disclaimer:** My measurements are based off the Recollections 3 drawer cube. Hobby Lobby also sells a 3 drawer cube, but I'm not sure of the measurements of the interior of the drawer. So, this may not work in that one.

## Let's get started!

### Supplies Needed:

Recollections Organizer Cube – 3 Drawer

Scrap piece of wood

*I recommend this instead of your cutting mat because you will be making a LOT of cuts and it could damage your mat.*

30"x 20"x 3/16" piece of foam core

Utility knife or Exacto knife (If you're going to use an exacto knife, be sure to have some extra blades on hand.)

Lip Edged Ruler or T-Square

Ruler or tape measure

Pencil



### Instructions:

1. Lay your foam core on top of the scrap wood. With your piece of foam core landscape, measure and cut 2 widths of 13 1/4". Easiest way to do this is to measure out 13 1/4" from left to right at both the top and the bottom. Then use your ruler to line up the marks. You should now have 2 pieces measuring 13 1/4" x 20" and a smaller piece (use this to make a jig below).



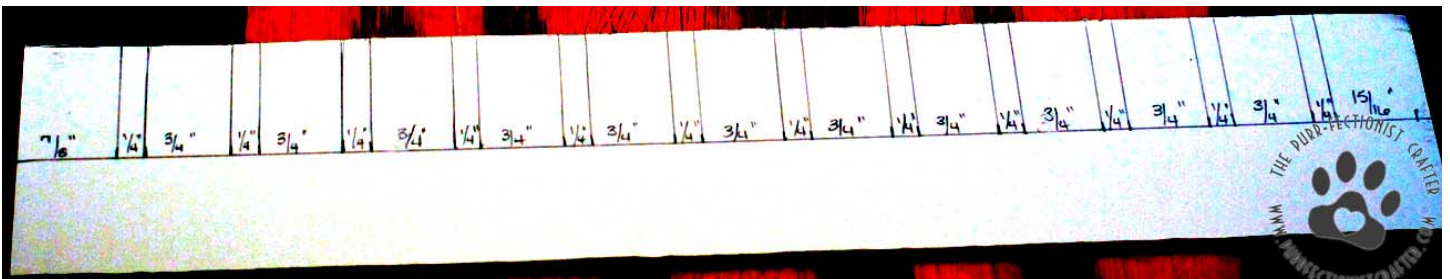
2. Turn these pieces so the 13 1/4" side is along the left side.



3. You're going to get 16 - 2 1/4" pieces out of these 2 pieces.  
*If you are going to make more than 1 of these, I recommend making 2 extra of these pieces to use as jigs. You should be able to get this out of the extra piece left after making your two 13 1/4" cuts. This way you won't have to remeasure a vertical piece for each one.*



4. Take 4 (5 if you're making a jig) of these pieces and cut the length down to 13". Turn 1 piece portrait and use your ruler & pencil to make a line down the middle. This is where you're going to cut up to. Now, turn it back landscape and you're going to make a line at each measurement.  
7/8", 1 1/8", 1 7/8", 2 1/8", 2 7/8", 3 1/8", 3 7/8", 4 1/8", 4 7/8", 5 1/8", 5 7/8", 6 1/8", 6 7/8", 7 1/8", 7 7/8", 8 1/8", 8 7/8", 9 1/8", 9 7/8", 10 1/8", 10 7/8", 11 1/8", 11 7/8", 12 1/8"  
Or you can do like in the graphic below (I found this easier with the lip edge ruler)

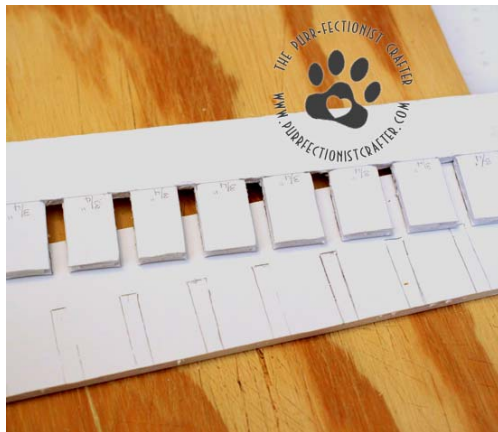


5. For each of these pieces, you're going to cut out the 1/4" sections. Use a ruler to help with the cuts so they stay straight. When cutting the middle of the piece, it's ok to have your blade go outside the lines, as long as you get that piece in a rectangle. You can see mine aren't perfect.



6. Use the piece you measured out to trace the cut out sections of your jig on the remaining 3 (4 if you're making an extra for a jig). This will save you a lot of measuring time.

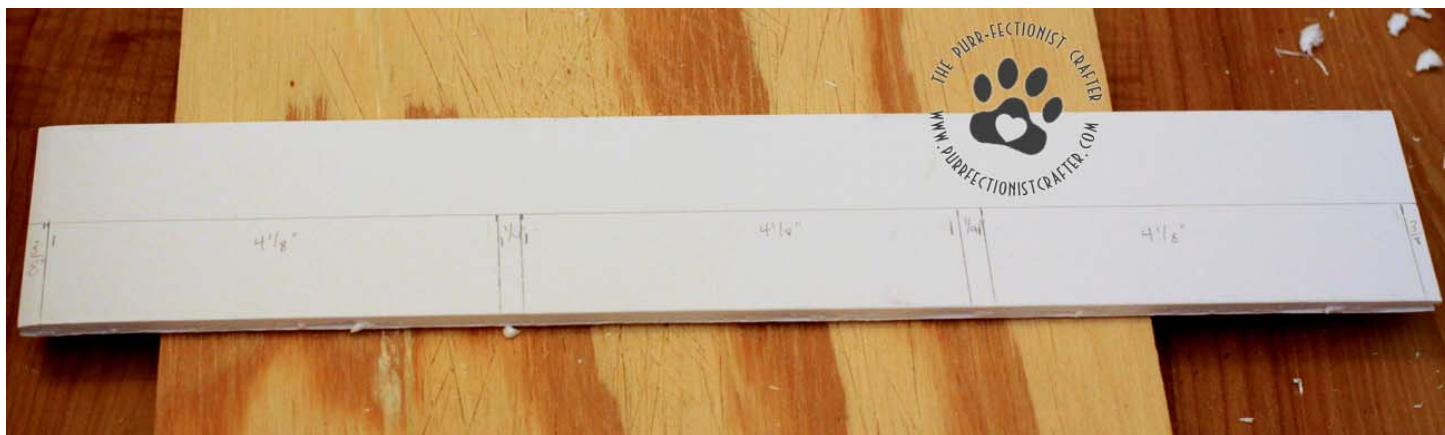
7. Now cut out the traced sections so it matches the one you've already cut.



8. For the "shelf" pieces, you're going to have 12 (13 if you're making a jig) 13 1/4" x 2 1/4" pieces. Turn 1 piece portrait and use your ruler & pencil to make a line down the center of the piece. Now, turn it back landscape and you're going to make a line at each measurement.

3/16", 4 1/4", 4 1/2", 8 5/8", 8 7/8", 13".

Or you can do like I did in the graphic below I found this easier with the lip edge ruler.



9. You're going to cut out the 1/4" wide pieces. Again, doesn't have to be perfect. Mine aren't.



### Assembly:

This can be tricky, but I found a few ways to make it easier on you. You can, by all means, assemble yours using adhesive. I chose not to because I'd like these to be removable in case my storage changes.

10. Take 1 of your vertical pieces (The 4 that we cut first) and start attaching the "shelf" pieces into each of the 1/4" slots we made.



11. Take your drawer and place it standing up with the interior facing you and the handle to the left. Mine in the picture isn't standing up. I realized this trick after building 3 of these.



12. Hold your pieces you fitted together upright. Make sure the cut out parts of the "shelf" pieces are facing forward (This means that if your drawer tips, the shelves won't fall out.).

Slide your pieces into the drawer while it's standing up. The vertical piece is going to be a very tight fit.



13. Take your remaining 3 vertical pieces and line up the openings (one end has a wider space) with the cut out pieces of the shelves. You will have to wiggle the shelves a little, but it WILL work. I have now made 5 of these. This is the hardest part, but totally worth it in the end.

*\*This may be easier to accomplish with the drawer laying flat.*



14. Turn your 3 drawer cube on its side and slide in your drawer.



*If you chose to make jigs, you'll have 1 vertical piece left and 1 shelf piece left. You can use these to make more ink pad holders.*