



## Pallet Board Coffee Table Materials List & Explanation



Below is a detailed list & explanation of the materials I used to make my pallet board coffee table.

- **3 pallets for Table Top:**

- After demo, I ended up having to throw away a good number of the boards...either because they were split or just too nasty to use...or because I destroyed them in my caveman-like demolition attempts. All that to say, when you make something out of pallet boards, you'll probably have to use more pallets than you had originally thought.
- As I said on my [post](#), I had quite a few pallets waiting to be used. However, if you don't have any...with just a little bit of effort, you'll be able to find some. For my

wall hanging project I got one from Home Depot...I think I lucked out in finding an amenable manager, because I don't think they're supposed to do that. I've had friends who have simply asked businesses that get large shipments of things...and they've had better luck with small businesses.

- **PT 4x4's for the Legs:** I used extra pieces of 4x4's from previous projects (bonus!), but if you have to buy one...that's all you'll need...one (8').



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- **PT 2x4's for the Surround & Table Top Support:** Again, I had some extra PT 2x4's lying around...but if I had to buy some for my 3'x4' (approximate) coffee table, I would have needed 2 8' long ones and 1 10' long one. Clearly, what you'll need will depend on what you're making.
- **Tools and Other Materials:**
  - **Crowbar, hammer** and whatever else you'll need to demo your pallets. To make things easier, I ended up using my **circular saw** to cut just inside the outer frame of the pallet...both sides. Doing this made prying off the boards from the center support a ton easier.
  - **Wire brush** to clean off all the dirt...as well as the worms, ants (...& ant eggs) that had taken up residence in my pallets.
  - **Broom**...demo'ing pallets can be nasty work.
  - A **miter saw** to cut the boards and lumber...but any saw will do, it just depends on how much you want to sweat.
  - **3" Deck screws** to construct the base. If you wanted to be really neat you could use a drill to make your holes cleaner and wood putty to fill them; however, I fully embraced the rough-hewn look and didn't bother.
  - **Nail gun** and **1" staples** to attach the pallet boards to the base...although you could use a hammer and finishing nails...or really whatever you have that'll work.
  - **Paint** for the base and **satin polyurethane** to treat the top – I didn't want my top to look all shiny and new...but I did want to preserve the wood as long as I could.

