

## WHY USE HONEYSUCKLE?

In North America, bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) is an **invasive species**. With no natural competition to keep it in check, it spreads uncontrollably.

Honeysuckle leafs out early, blocking spring sun from reaching native plants, then dense roots crowd them out.

Stopping this invader is important to restore ecological balance for plants and animals – and for people. Replant with native bushes and trees!

[www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org)

Yet honeysuckle wood is sturdy and strong. Branches grow in interesting shapes. It's ideal for transforming a problem into a creative opportunity!

## WHY TABLES?

They can balance with only three legs. Handy to have and gratifying to make on many different levels.



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[www.woodworms.net](http://www.woodworms.net)

## THINK ABOUT MAKING A TABLE

### Resources & Tools To Do It

### Bush Honeysuckle It's Everywhere!



Various tools depending on your skills & abilities:

Handsaw, chainsaw, jigsaw, pruners; drill, drill bits; screws, screw gun or screwdriver; level; file, rasp, sandpaper.

Cedar is best for exterior tops. Interior tops can be almost any kind of wood. Recycled is best!

A great resource is **Lumber Logs**. This urban tree recycler sells rough-sawn lumber that normally would end up being ground up or buried in a landfill.

[www.lumberlogs.blogspot.com](http://www.lumberlogs.blogspot.com)

## THINK ABOUT TABLES



MAKE ONE FROM  
INVASIVE HONEYSUCKLE BUSH  
&  
YOUR IMAGINATION !

## Steps To Think About For Making a Table



**1st** - Figuring out how to get table legs out of a bush

requires some **imagination**. **It's upside down, the thin upper parts of the branches are the bottom of the legs**

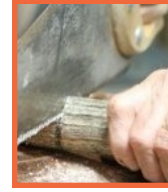
**and the thicker trunk of the bush becomes the top of the base.** This thicker part gives you a better surface area to attach the table top. A triangle base is easiest to work with but don't let that stop you. Look carefully & plan your cuts.

**Leave extra length for final cuts.**

**2nd** - Find a flat **level** surface and slowly cut the stick legs so the base is **upright & balanced.**



**3rd** - To make the top of the table base level, draw a line around the base top using a level to guide the line. Next slowly cut through the line to give a **flat and level surface.**



**4th** - Attaching a tabletop can happen in many ways. Here's one to try. Cut a piece of wood that's not too big & not too small but just right for the base.

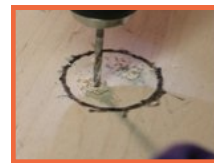
**5th** - Set the tabletop onto the stick base top then **center & balance it.** Then hold down the tabletop to the



base & trace around the stick base top underneath onto the bottom side of the tabletop.



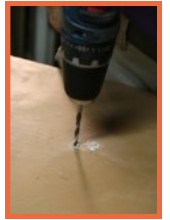
**6th** - Take the top off, turn it over & drill 2 holes inside the outline. Use a drill bit just a little smaller in diameter than the screws you will use to attach the tabletop.



**7th** - Turn the tabletop back over & put it back on the stick base & line up the traced outline. Drill through the same holes in the tabletop & into the stick base.



**8th** - Take the tabletop off & drill through the same holes using a drill bit just larger than the screw threads.



**9th** - Put the screws into the tabletop just far enough so that screw points stick out of the bottom. Set the top back on the base, line up the outline & the screw points with the drilled holes in the base. Screw the top on!



**THINK ABOUT IT, YOU JUST MADE A TABLE !**