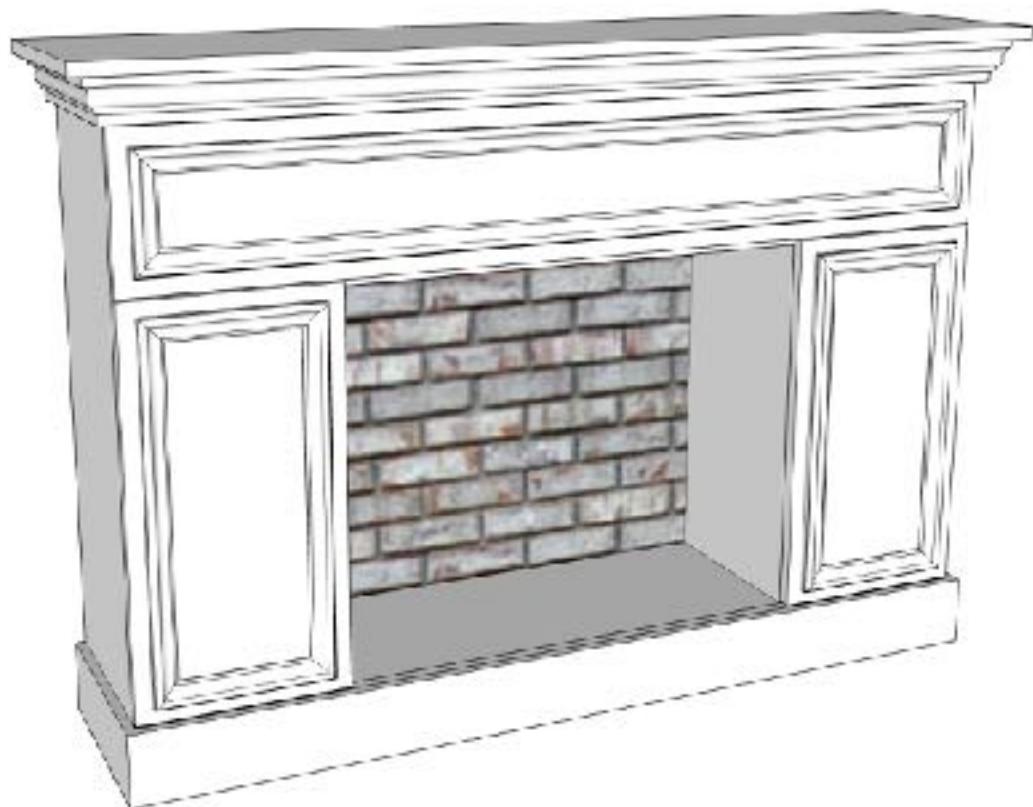


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# Faux Fireplace With Hidden Storage

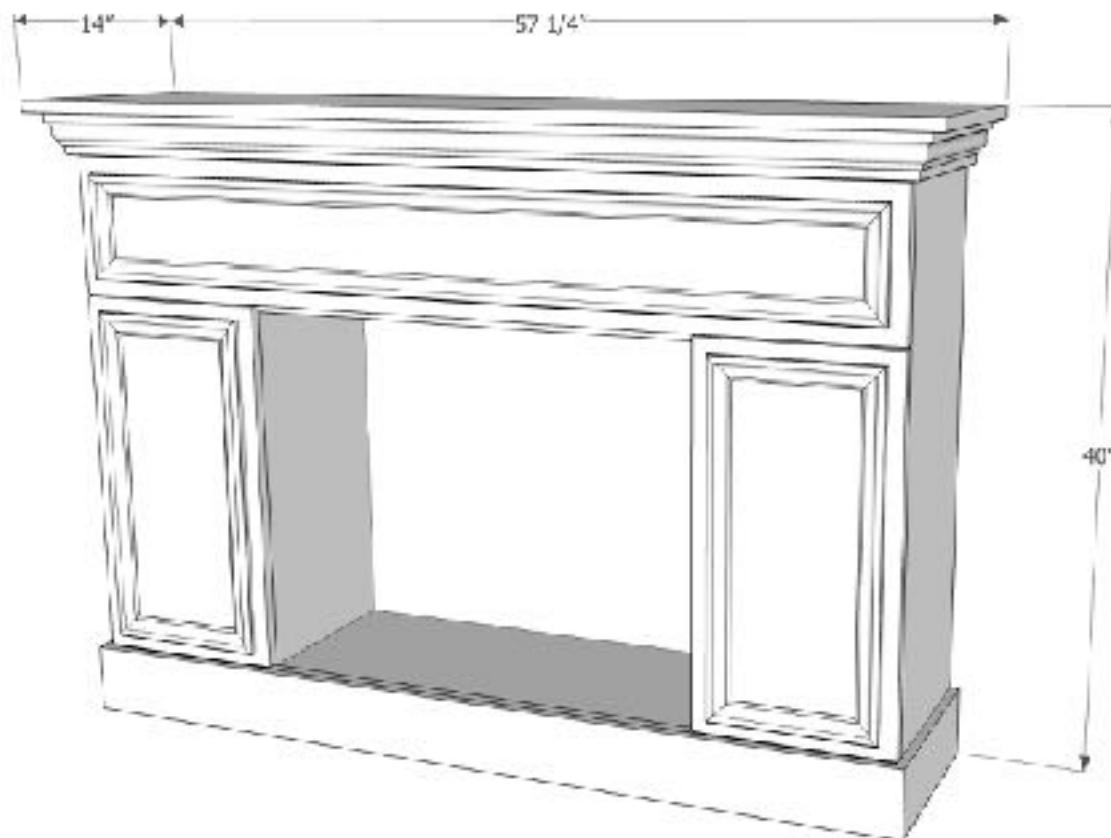
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# Before beginning this project...

Please read through all of the plans as well as the blog post associated with this project . Always use safety precautions whenever using power tools and follow the manufacturer's suggested guidelines. Make sure to wear proper safety protection (eye protection, hearing protection, etc.) before beginning any project. Cut all pieces per the measurements in the plans, unless noted otherwise.



# Materials and Cut List:

## Materials Needed:

2 - 4' x 8' sheets 3/4" veneer plywood  
1 - 8' stick of [base moulding](#)  
1 - 8' stick of [chair rail moulding](#)  
3 - 8' sticks of [base cap moulding](#)  
1 - 4' x 8' sheet faux brick panel  
1 1/4" pocket screws  
1 1/4" brad nails  
3/4" brad nails or narrow crown staples  
Veneer edge banding  
220 grit sandpaper  
Euro style hinges  
10" side mount drawer slides  
Wood glue  
Wood filler  
Spackle  
Hot glue gun  
1 1/4" wood screws  
Paint

## Cut List:

3 - 3/4" plywood @ 12" x 52" (top bottom and middle pieces of carcass)  
2 - 3/4" plywood @ 12" x 39 1/4" (fireplace sides)  
2 - 3/4" plywood @ 12" x 23" (inner cabinet walls)  
1 - 3/4" plywood @ 4 1/4" x 53 1/2" (lower spacer board)  
1 - 3/4" plywood @ 53 1/2" (measure width of upper trim and cut to same width)  
1 - 3/4" plywood @ 14" x 57 1/4" (fireplace top)  
1 - 3/4" plywood @ 8 3/4" x 53 1/2" (drawer front)  
2 - 3/4" plywood @ 12 1/4" x 23 1/4" (cabinet doors)  
2 - 3/4" plywood @ 51" x 7 1/4" (drawer front and back)  
2 - 3/4" plywood @ 8 1/2" x 7 1/4" (drawer sides)  
1 - 3/4" plywood @ approx 49 1/2" x 8 1/2" (drawer bottom - measure and cut to fit)  
Faux brick panel @ 30" x 24"  
8' trim - cut to fit around top of fireplace  
8' trim - cut to fit around bottom of fireplace  
24' trim for doors and drawer front

# Step One:

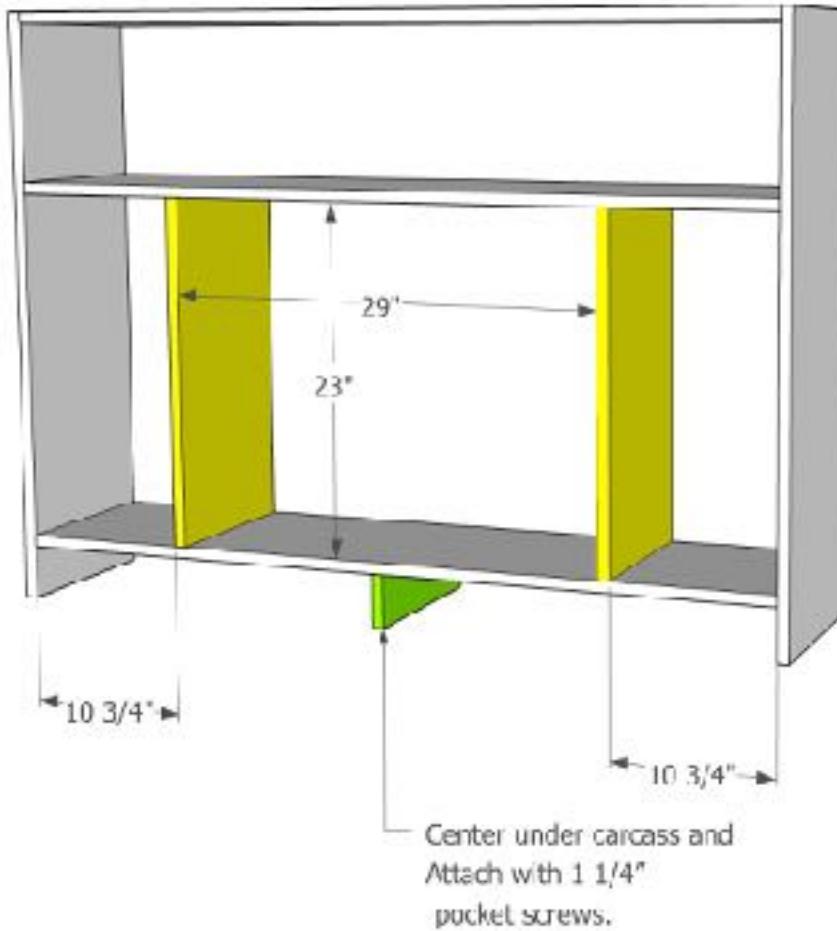
## *Build the carcass*



To build the carcass, drill  $3/4"$  pocket screws into each end of the top, middle, and bottom pieces. Apply veneer edge banding to all of the front edges of the carcass pieces. Trim the banding and sand the pieces smooth with 220 grit sandpaper. Assemble the carcass using wood glue and  $1\frac{1}{4}"$  pocket screws.

## Step Two:

*Attach the inside walls of the cabinets.*

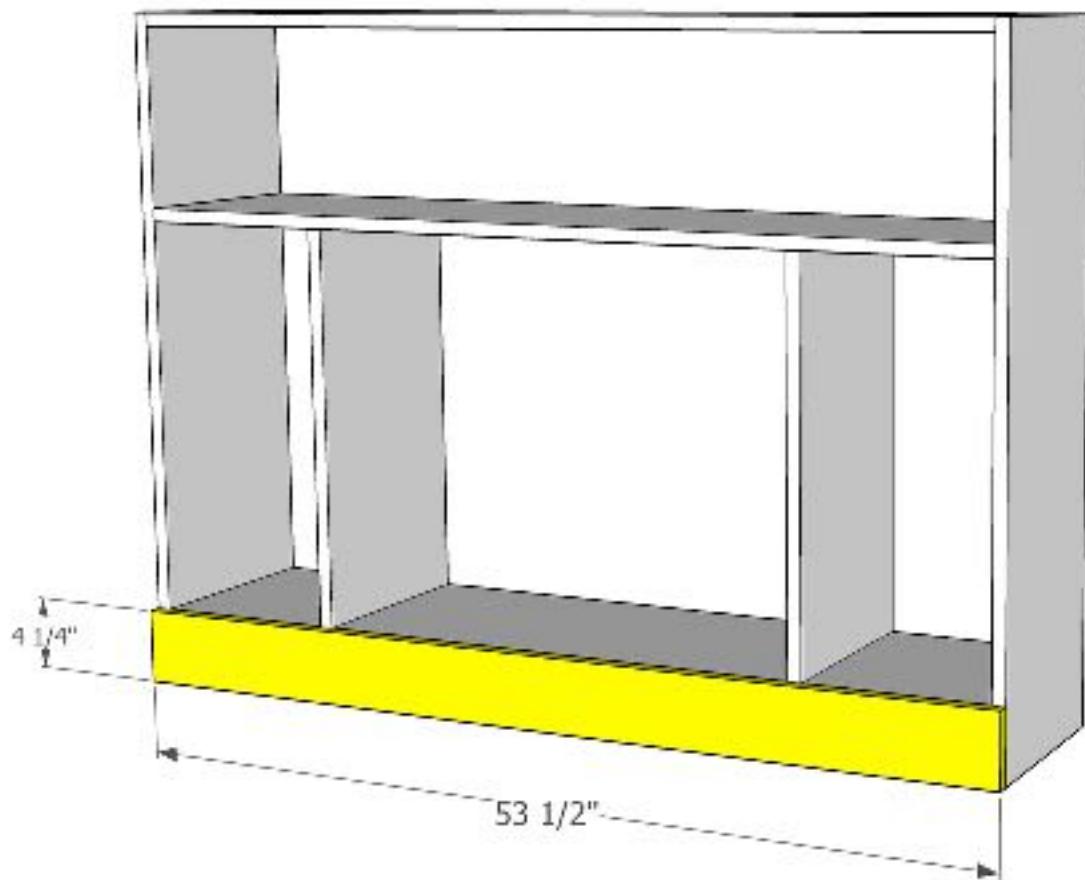


Drill 3/4" pocket holes into the upper and lower edges of the cabinet walls. Apply veneer edge banding to the front edges of the pieces. Trim and sand smooth with 220 grit sandpaper. Mark the location for each of the pieces to be attached based on the diagram above. Attach with wood glue and 1 1/4" pocket screws.

Attach the center support under the fireplace with 3/4" pocket holes and 1 1/4" pocket screws.

# Step Three:

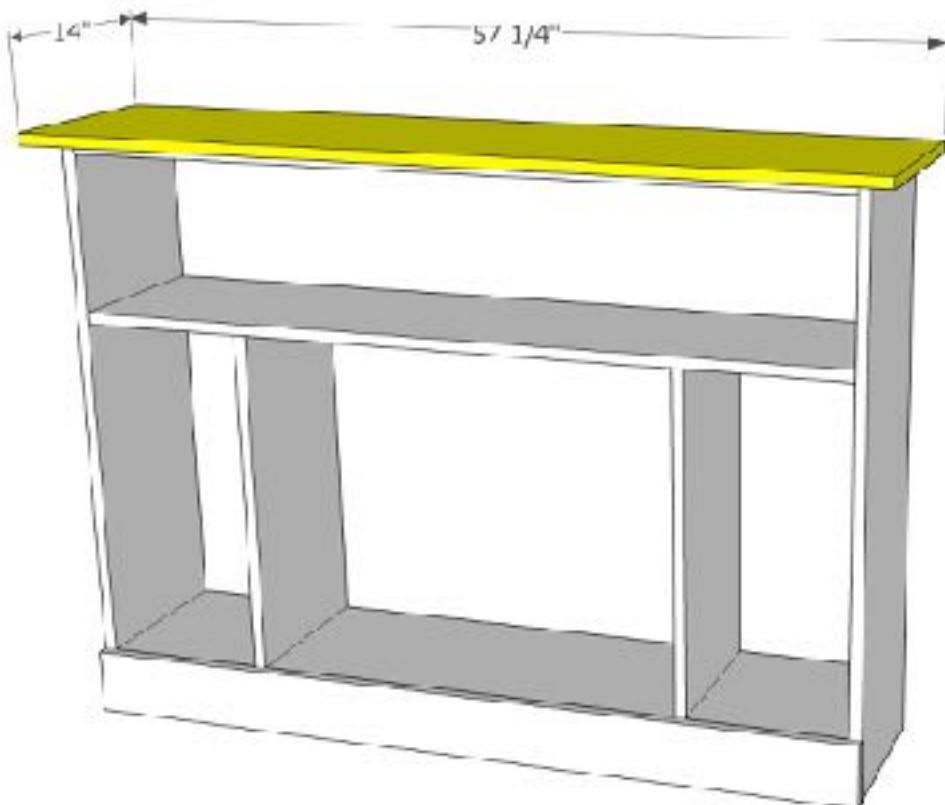
*Attach the front trim spacer*



Attach veneer edge banding to the top edge of the bottom spacer. Attach to the carcass with wood glue and 1 1/4" brad nails.

# Step Four:

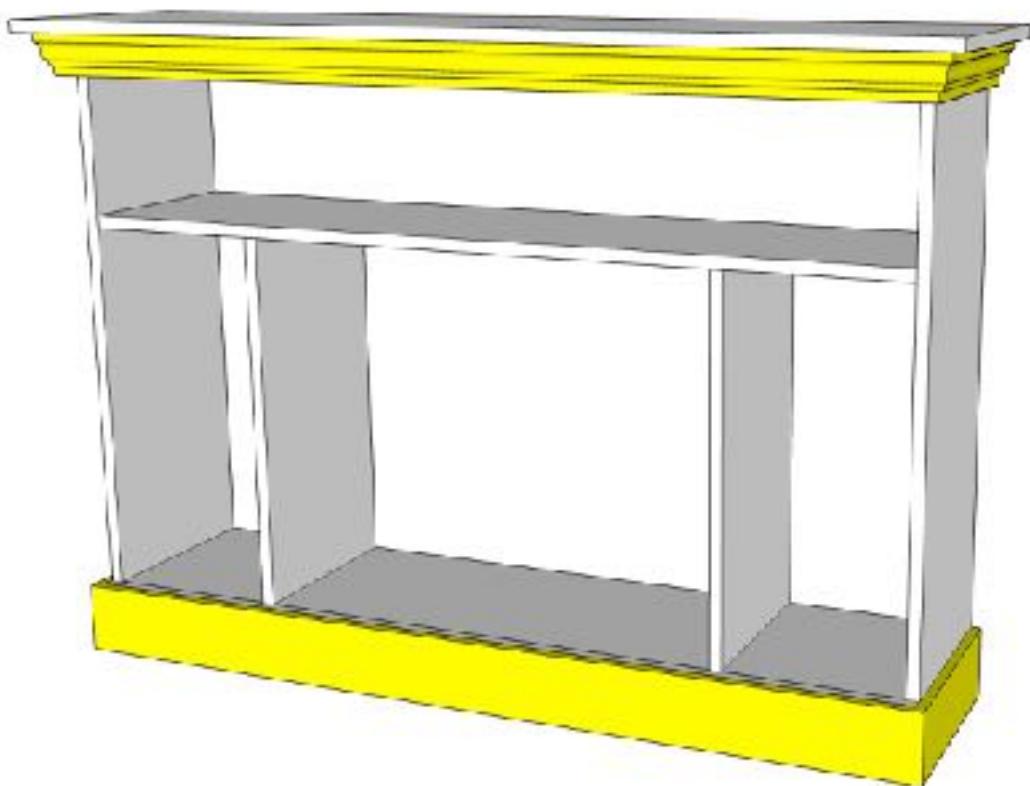
*Attach the top*



Apply veneer edge banding to the front and sides of the fireplace top. Trim and sand smooth with 220 grit sandpaper. Attach the top with 1 1/4" brad nails. Fill the nail holes with wood filler, let dry, then sand with 220 grit sandpaper.

# Step Five:

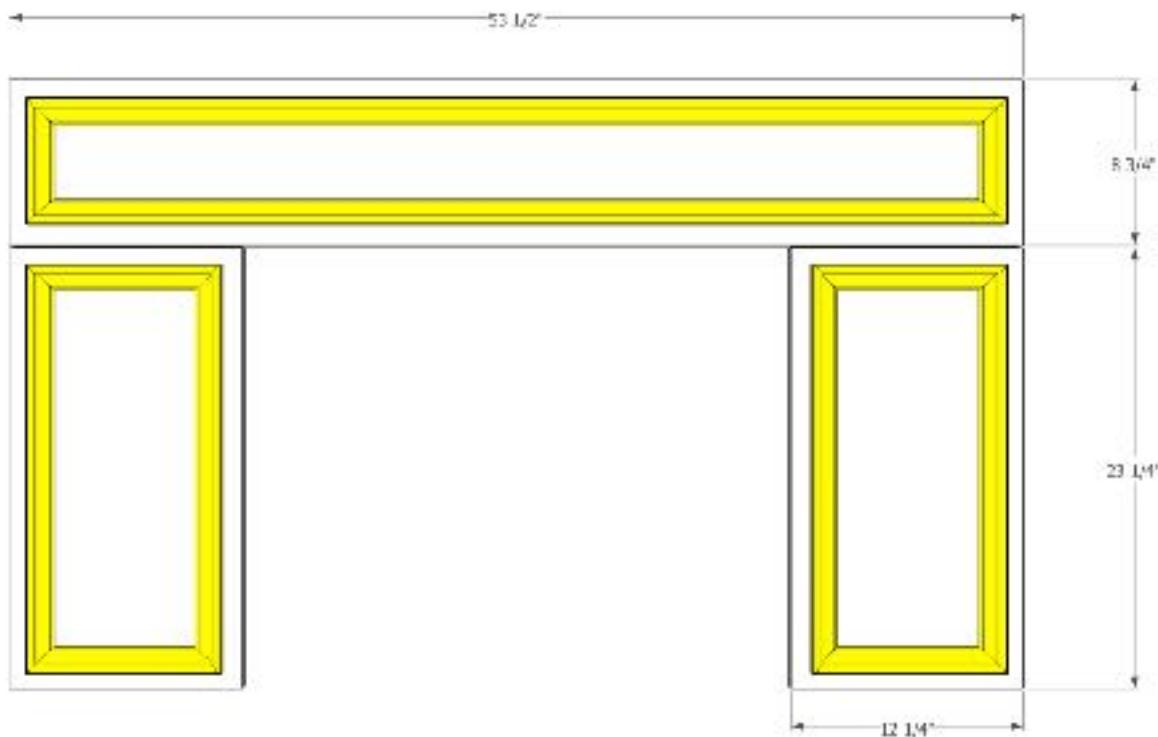
*Attach the top and bottom trim*



Measure and cut the trim pieces to size with 45 degree miters at the corners. Attach with wood glue and 1 1/4" brad nails. Fill the nail holes with wood filler, let dry, then sand smooth with 220 grit sandpaper.

# Step Six:

## *Build the drawer*



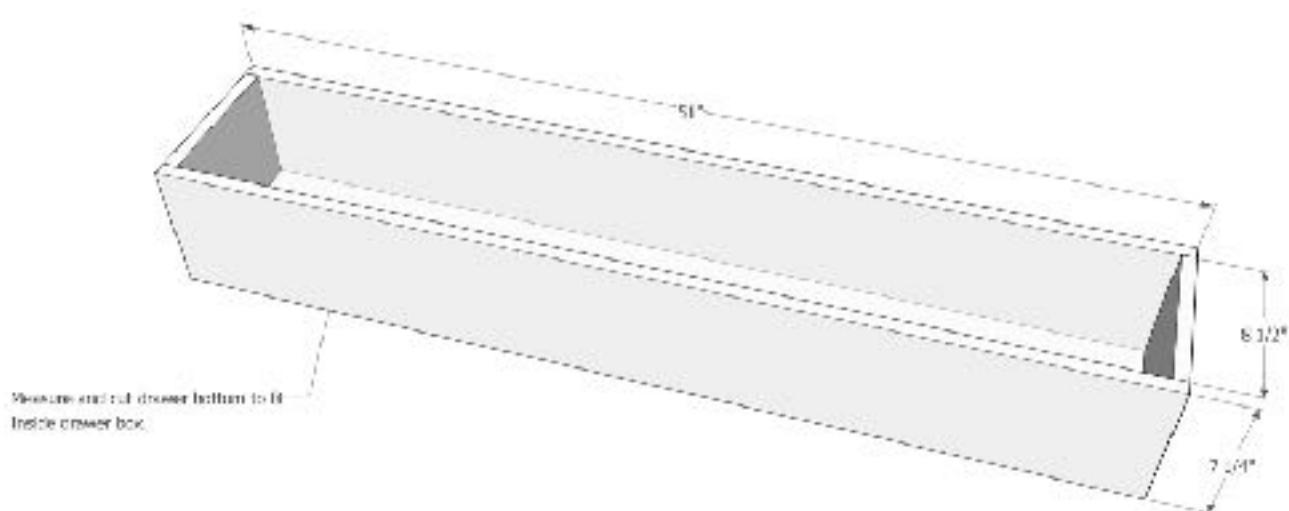
For the drawer front and doors, apply veneer edge banding to all sides. Trim and sand smooth with 220 grit sandpaper. Measure and cut the trim so the trim will have a 1" border around all sides. Attach with wood glue and 1 1/4" brad nails. Fill the nail holes with wood filler, let dry, then sand with 220 grit sandpaper.

**Paint the carcass and doors of the fireplace in desired color.**

**If desired, apply a German schmear to the faux brick backing with spackle.**

# Step Seven:

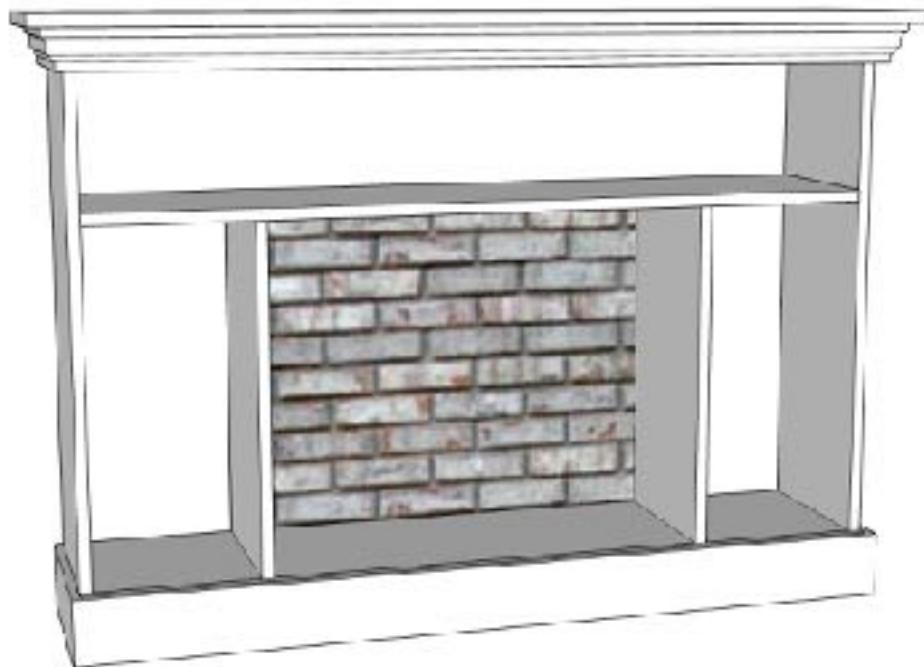
## *Build the drawer*



Drill 3/4" pocket holes into the sides of the drawer box. Dry fit the drawer box together, then measure the inside dimensions and cut the drawer bottom to fit. Glue and clamp the drawer box together. Attach the sides with 1 1/4" pocket screws. Nail the bottom in place with 1 1/4" brad nails.

# Step 8:

*Attach the faux brick backing*



Attach the faux brick backing with 3/4" brad nails or 3/4" narrow crown staples.

# Step 9:

## *Install The Drawer*



Install the drawer with 10" side mount drawer slides. Center the drawer slides on sides of the drawer opening on the fireplace as well as the sides of the drawer box. Attach with included screws.

# Step 10:

## *Attach The Drawer Front/Doors*



Attach the cabinet doors with euro style hinges.

Temporarily attach the drawer front to the drawer box with hot glue, using playing cards as spacers (about 8 cards each) to give an approximate  $1/8"$  gap between the cabinet doors and the drawer front. Carefully open the drawer. Drill  $1/16"$  pilot holes through the drawer box and partially into the drawer front (2 each on each end and in the center). Attach the drawer front permanently with  $1\frac{1}{4}"$  wood screws.