1. Remove all the parts from their laser-cut blank sheets. For the best finish, take your time to cut around each part with a hobby knife where necessary.

2. With the exception of notches and slots where the parts fit together, sand the edges of all the parts smooth.

3. Glue the guide sticks to the large cradle arms with the bottom of each stick even with the bottom of each arm (be certain you have selected the large arms, not the small arms). And it doesn’t matter which side of the arms you glue the sticks to—there isn’t a right or a left. Optional: Sand the sticks even with the beveled edge of the arms.

4. Use pliers to flatten the spikes in both 6-32 blind nuts.
5. Mount a large arm and a small arm to each cradle base with a 6-32 screw, a washer and the blind nut.

6. Optional: If you prefer the arms to remain level (without the ability to tilt), glue the remaining two guide sticks to the cradle bases even with the arms—be certain not to inadvertently get any glue on the arms.

7. Cut the foam cushion tubing into six 3-1/2" [90mm] pieces. Slit each one all the way down.

8. Glue one tube to each of the four vertical arms. Fit the remaining two tubes over the horizontal portions of the arms, but do not glue these tubes on. **Note:** If using your cradle for a large model and spreading the arms wide, longer pieces of horizontal tubing may be used. These will have to be purchased separately.

9. Working over your workbench protected with a sheet of clear sandwich wrap, a plastic bag or Top Flite® MonoKote® backing (so glue won’t stick), assemble the “box” that will contain the drawer. Glue the parts together. For now, don’t build up large fillets of glue—use just enough glue to hold the parts together for handling during assembly. Later, more glue may be added for reinforcement. Also, don’t worry about getting the assembly perfectly “square.” Everything will true up when you join the box to the cross bars.
10. Fit the box to the cross bars with the “tray” on top. Make certain everything is tightly pressed together and there are no gaps. Then securely glue the assembly together.

11. Same as you assembled the drawer box, test fit, then glue together the parts of the drawer. After the glue has hardened, sand the outside surfaces flat and smooth.

12. Using the lines laser-cut around the edges of the drawer front as a guide for alignment, glue the drawer front to the drawer with the lines on the back. Mount the knob to the drawer with the screw and washer.

13. Install the drawer and fit the cradle bases to the cross bars where desired. Adjust the spacing between the cradle arms to fit your model.

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