

Travato 59G Cedar Bath Mat Kit V2.3

Included in the kit are:

- 6 long 2 ½" wide boards (#1-6)
- 3 short 2 ½" wide boards (#7-9)
- 3 medium length 3 ½" wide boards
- Extra boards for stain testing (no #)



Additional items needed to install kit:

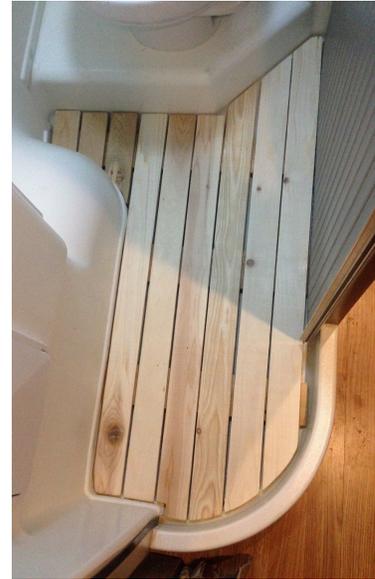
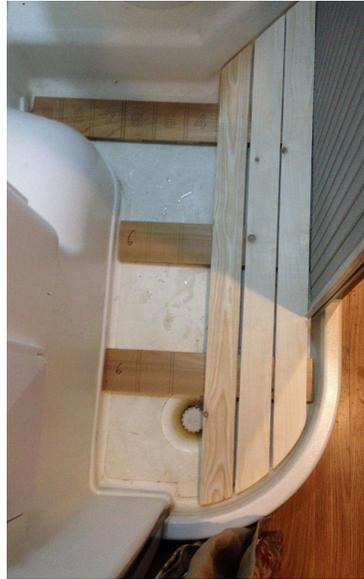
- Phillips screwdriver (to remove plastic shower door guide)
- **Titebond III** glue (marine grade waterproof)
- Weight(s) to hold down boards while glue sets

Optional additional items:

- Exterior wood stain or sealant of your choice, for example Thompson's WaterSeal (pictured - 1 spray can is sufficient)
- Caulk to fill holes from removal of door guide
- Scrap paper or newsprint to go under boards while glue sets

Step by Step Instructions:

1. Using phillips screwdriver, remove the white plastic shower door guide
 - a. Remove first two screws from sink side of guide
 - b. Remove guide by carefully wiggling it out of the base
 - c. With door in fully open position, angle door away from wall
 - d. Remove final two screws from base and remove base
 - e. Recommended: caulk the screw holes to prevent water seeping through
 - f. Let door return to vertical hanging position
2. Test assemble the boards in place
 - a. 3 wider boards go down first, each goes from wall to wall, notches down (see pic)
 - b. The remaining boards are numbered underneath 1 through 9 starting at the shower door, and correspond to the numbers on the wider boards. Make certain that all top boards notches have been seated down onto lower boards.
 - c. Adjust boards as follows:
 - i. Lower boards should be adjusted away from shower door as far as possible (the empty gap is necessary for shower door to slide in).
 - ii. Edges of upper boards should mostly cover up laser markings on lower board (see pic). Visible lines indicate that a board is out of position
 - iii. The center lower board can be shifted as needed to match the upper boards, provided it doesn't stick out or hit the shower door.
 - iv. If necessary for proper fit, boards can be trimmed down. Please share any improvements you find beneficial.



3. Glue boards together in place.
 - a. Using Titebond III glue, apply a liberal amount of glue to each overlapping joint
 - b. Lift one board at a time, apply glue to the underside in each notch only, then replace the board and check alignment. Any excess glue can later be peeled off the floor without damaging it but putting down scrap paper is easier to cleanup.
 - c. Be very careful to not get glue on top visible surface, as this can become visible marks after sealing. Sand well to remove glue prior to sealing if this happens.
4. Add weight(s) across top boards evenly to insure glue joints are compressed.
5. Double check the gaps in the boards for visible lines and general appearance.
6. Let sit overnight for the glue to fully dry. Eight hours is enough, 18-24 is better.
7. Remove the weights.
8. With the shower door fully open, hold the door edge back against wall to prevent it from catching the shower mat, then lift the shower mat up using the gap between the lower board and the shower door. Lift the entire door side together before without tilting it.
9. (optional) Using suitable precautions (cardboard on driveway for example) apply stain or sealant as desired to both sides, with care taken to get it into gaps between boards.

Unstained/sealed cedar will turn gray over time, and will allow the boards to degrade slightly faster.

Enjoy your new bath mat! Please let me know if you have any difficulties with this kit, or need to make any modifications to make it work better for you.

Further notes

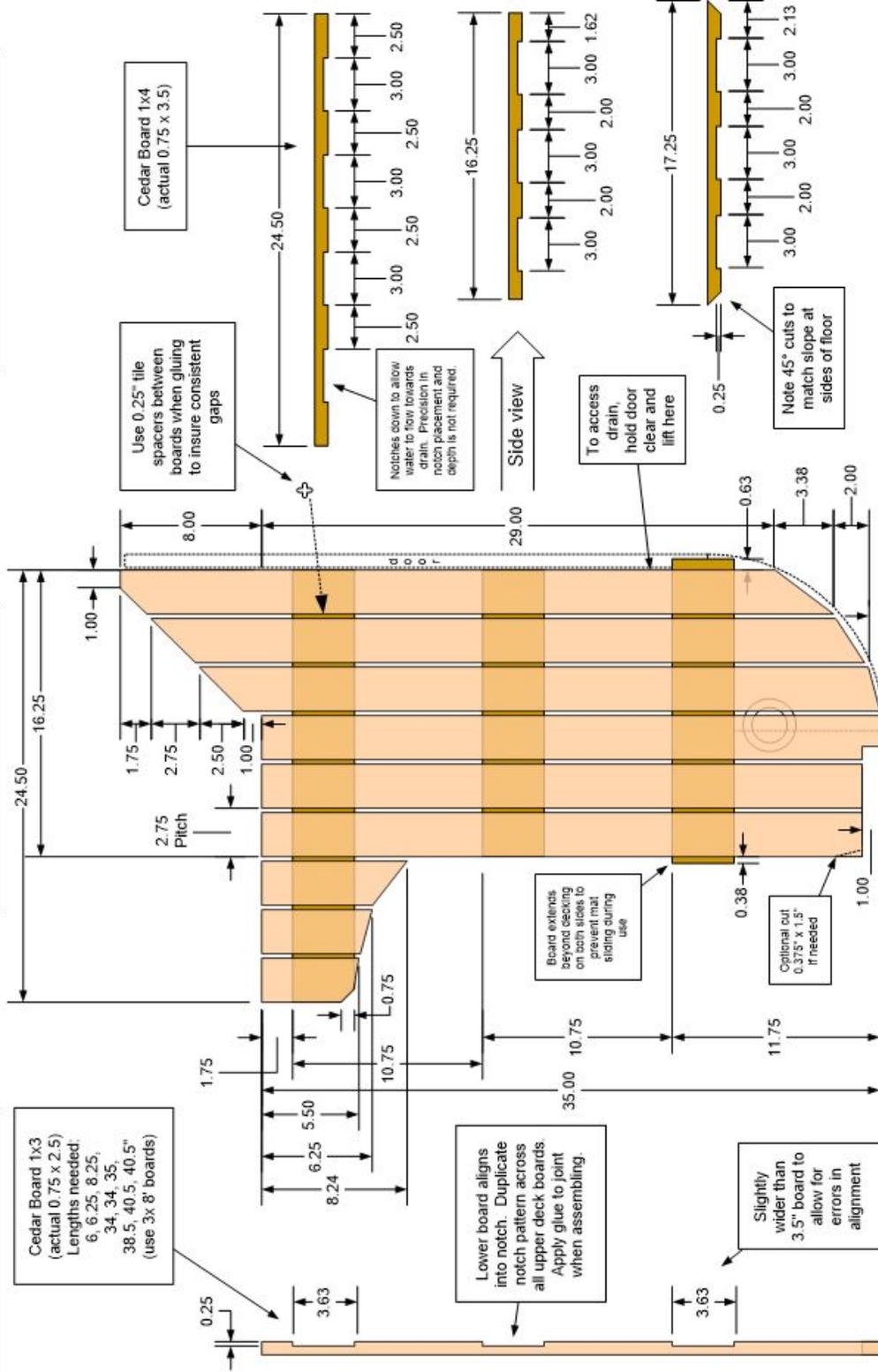
1. Boards can be shaped or sanded as desired at any stage in the process (to round off edges, cover up chips, make a smoother top finish, etc). If sanding again after sealant has been applied (such as repairing damage or adjusting fit), simply apply more sealant to cover up the change. NOTE: if your mat includes a laser etched design, be aware that sanding of the etched surface will potentially lighten or remove the design.
2. If a glue joint fails where a board is attached in at least one place (is retaining it's correct position, i.e .hasn't come completely off), slide some sandpaper between the joints that are loose and use best effort to remove glue and sand the wood down. Then reapply glue and use a clamp to ensure boards are pressed fully together for 24 hours. If the board has come completely off, sand joints to remove old glue, apply fresh glue, and clamp tightly in at least two places to insure good connection. Titebond III when clamped properly should result in a stronger bond than the wood itself.
3. Any excess glue can be scraped off prior to sealing. However, significant sanding may be necessary to remove enough glue residue to allow a consistent color across the area where the glue was, since glue soaked into the wood can block color from soaking in.
4. For access to drain, hold the shower door against the wall (to insure the deck doesn't catch on it) and lift under the edge of board adjacent to the door. Lift the entire door side up first before letting it tip to avoid a jam. To reinstall, hold the same long edge up with the 3 short boards at the bottom. Rotate and lower so that the 3 short boards slide into place first, then complete lowering the door side into position. It may be necessary to press or step on it to get it completely down into place.

Thanks, Scott (scott@stg.net)

FRONT SIDE VIEW

TOP VIEW

RIGHT SIDE VIEW



NOTES
 Shower door guide (white plastic) must be removed prior to installation.
 Recommend liberal use of Titebond 3 glue for overlapping joints, let dry overnight with weight applied to insure boards are pressed together.
 Outdoor deck stain should be applied to increase lifetime and appearance.

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