



## Discovery Table

Large (#3922) & Small (#3921)



## Assembly Instructions

**Please open and inspect all items immediately upon receipt.**

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Nature Explore Classroom resources are designed to bring children closer to nature and help them develop life-long learning skills. To ensure safety and effectiveness, please be sure to follow the instructions for installation, building codes, warnings, and maintenance. Failure to follow all of the instructions will void any warranty offer. Furthermore, even Nature Explore Classroom resources installed and maintained in accordance with the instructions can present hazards to children in the absence of adequate supervision.

Depending on the location and nature of the outdoor classroom, the supervisors may be paid professionals (full-time park or school/child care facility staff), paid seasonal workers (college or high school students), volunteers (PTA members), or the parents of the children playing in the outdoor classroom. The quality of the supervision depends on the quality of the supervisor's knowledge of safe play behavior. Therefore, supervisors should understand the basics of safety in an outdoor classroom.

Outdoor classroom supervisors should be aware that not all equipment and items are appropriate for all children who may use the outdoor classroom. Posted signs or labels indicating the appropriate age of the users should be checked before play begins, and supervisors should direct children to equipment appropriate for their age. It is also very important to recognize that preschool-age children require more attentive supervision than older children do.

**Ages:** Large (#3922) - Recommended for ages 5 and up  
Small (#3921) - Recommended for ages 2-5

### **Building Codes:**

Variations in building codes, specific local development covenants, or site conditions may require modification to the installation of the product. Outdoor classroom owners are ultimately responsible for complying with all applicable permits, building codes and other regulatory requirements, and should review their outdoor classroom with local building inspectors. All appropriate building permits should be obtained prior to starting installation.

### **Liability:**

Nature Explore shall have no liability or responsibility for actions or inaction in connection with any Nature Explore item or any damage or liability that arises during the construction and/or use. Always read and observe all safety precautions provided by the Consumer Product Safety Council regarding toy safety, playground safety, and any other applicable programs. Likewise, always read and observe all safety precautions provided by any tool or equipment manufacturer consulted during installation.

**Maintenance:**

Please be aware that the Discovery Tables are made of untreated wood and will endure the natural process of ‘checking’ or cracking as they age and adjust to your local climate. This is **not** a defect in the product, but a natural process that should be expected.

General Maintenance - Performed every few months. This maintenance will help reduce injuries and extend the life of your Discovery Table.

- Sand to remove any splinters
- Tighten all screws and bolts

Bi-annual maintenance - Performed every other year.

- Protect wood with wood protector like tung or linseed oil. Check with local building codes, playground experts, and wood preservation experts for the local rules and regulations and to ask what would be best to use around children.

**Inspection:**

Inspect the Discovery Table before each use.

- Inspect to make sure table is stable on the ground
- Make sure legs are secure and bolts and screws are tight
- No large structurally damaging cracks have started
- Make sure surfaces are smooth and splinter free

**Important Information:**

**Discovery Tables are NOT water-tight or weather-proof. You may want to treat with a commercial water-seal and caulk the seams to extend the useful life of the unit.**



**CAUTION: When using volunteer labor, make sure that the person assembling the Discovery Table has the necessary skill level.**



**CAUTION: Overtightening Screws & Bolts will cause the wood to crack and/or split.**

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(photos are for illustration purposes only, items you receive may be slightly different than those pictured)



## Tools Needed:

1. Socket Wrench
2. 7/16" Socket
3. #2 Phillips Head Screwdriver

## Parts List:

- 1 - Table Top
- 4 - 2x4 Table Legs
- 2 - 2x2 End Cross Braces
- 1 - 2x2 Center Cross Brace

- 8 - 2" Carriage Bolts



- 8 - 7/16" Nuts



- 8 - Flat Washers



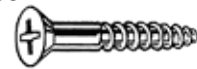
- 8 - Split-Lock Washers



- 8 - Cap Nuts



- 10 - 2 1/2" Screws

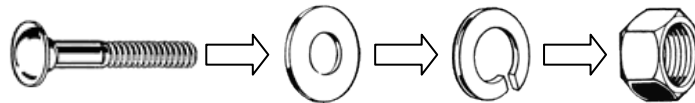


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- Step 1:** Carefully unpack and inspect the contents of all cartons and make sure all parts are there. If any parts are missing or damaged, contact Nature Explore immediately at 1-888-908-8733 or [service@natureexplore.org](mailto:service@natureexplore.org).
- Step 2:** Thoroughly read and review all instructions before you begin.
- Step 3:** Match the 4 Table Legs with the corresponding number on the Table Top, (i.e.: leg #1 with location #1, etc.). Insert the Carriage Bolts into the pre-drilled holes from the inside. Make sure the Table Top is open/box side facing upwards.



- Step 4:** Place a Flat Washer, Split-Lock Washer and Nut on each Carriage Bolt. Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten as this will crack and/or split the wood.

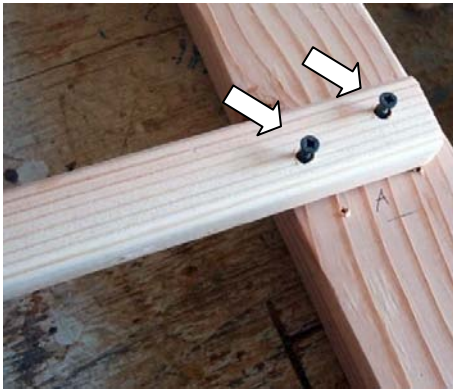


- Step 5:** Place an Acorn Nut on the exposed portion of the bolt and tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.

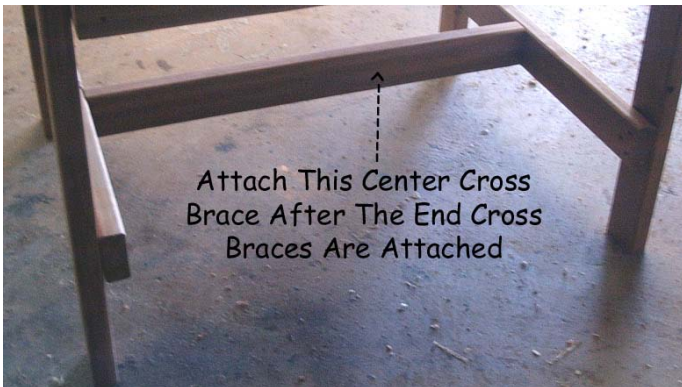
**Safety Note:** Make sure the Acorn Nuts are flush and secure. There should be no gaps between the nuts, but be sure not to over-tighten.



**Step 6:** Place the 2 End Cross-Braces on the INSIDE of the Table Legs by matching 'A' with 'A', etc. Align the predrilled holes and attach using 8 - 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" Screws. Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.



**Step 7:** Place and center the Center Cross-Brace between the End Cross-Braces by matching 'A' with 'A', etc. Attach using 2 - 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" screws in each end. Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.



**Your Discovery Table is now complete and ready for use.**



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