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## Technique Tutorial

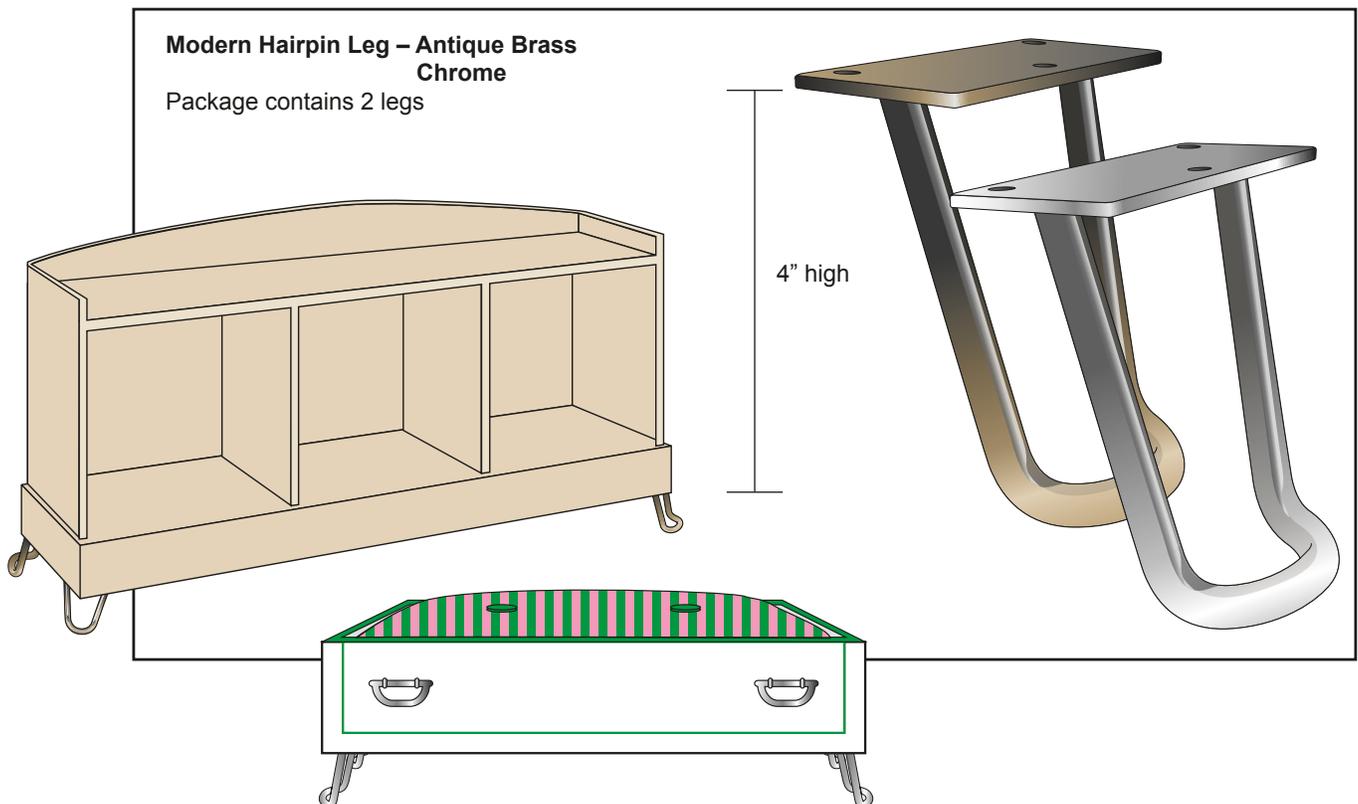
### How to attach Dritz® Modern Hairpin Legs to furniture

Do you have a great flea market furniture find that's just begging for an update? Or a favorite dresser that could use a bit of TLC?

Have you thought of changing out the legs?

Our whimsical Modern Hairpin Legs are 4" high – a great height for dressers, shelving units, footstools, etc. Or you could take a less traditional approach and let your imagination run wild – why not add legs to an old dresser drawer for a one-of-a-kind pet bed? Add sides to an old window to add height, and then attach feet to the sides for a unique coffee table. So many possibilities.

Our Modern Hairpin feet are easy to attach and provide an instant makeover for those woebegone pieces. So rev up your drill and let's get started!





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#### Supplies per project:

- Furniture piece to be upcycled
- 4 modern hairpin legs
- 12, #8 wood screws (See step 3 for screw length)
- Screwdriver – type determined by selected screw
- Electric drill with appropriately sized drill bit
- Protective eyewear

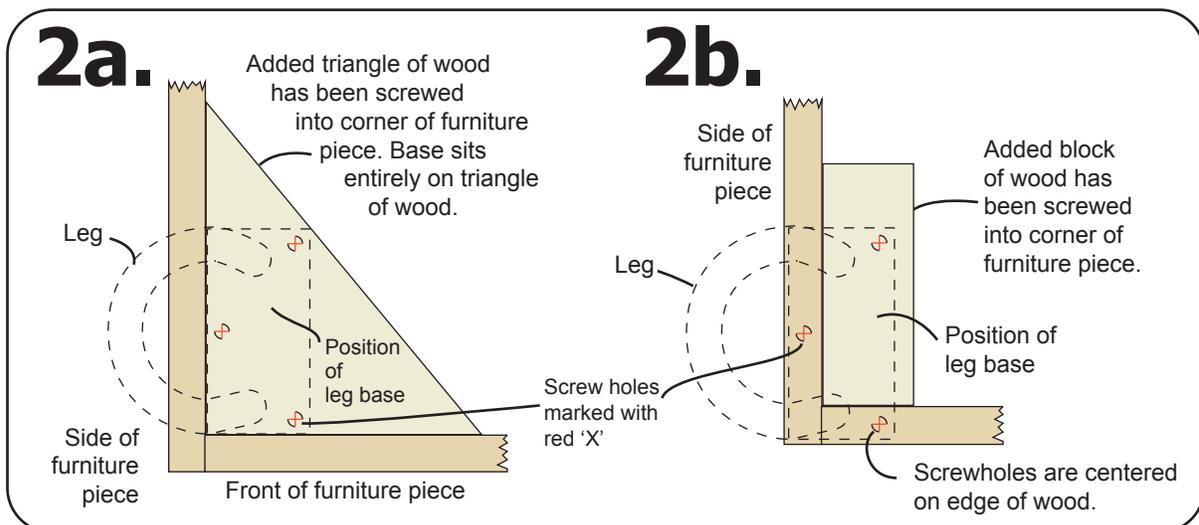
#### Planning Leg Placement:

**1.** Turn project over on protected work surface and remove old legs. For secure leg placement, examine the bottom of your piece of furniture. You need a flat piece of solid wood at the base on which to attach the legs.

**2.** If the base of your piece does not have a solid piece of wood on which to attach the legs, you will need to reinforce corners with a block of wood. All 3 screwholes on the leg must connect with wood.

#### Parallel Alignment:

Plan the position of the legs so the long edge is parallel to the side of the furniture piece with legs angling outward. Add the corner reinforcement (**2a**, **2b**). Be sure any nails or screws used to attach the block of wood do not interfere with the screws used to attach the legs.





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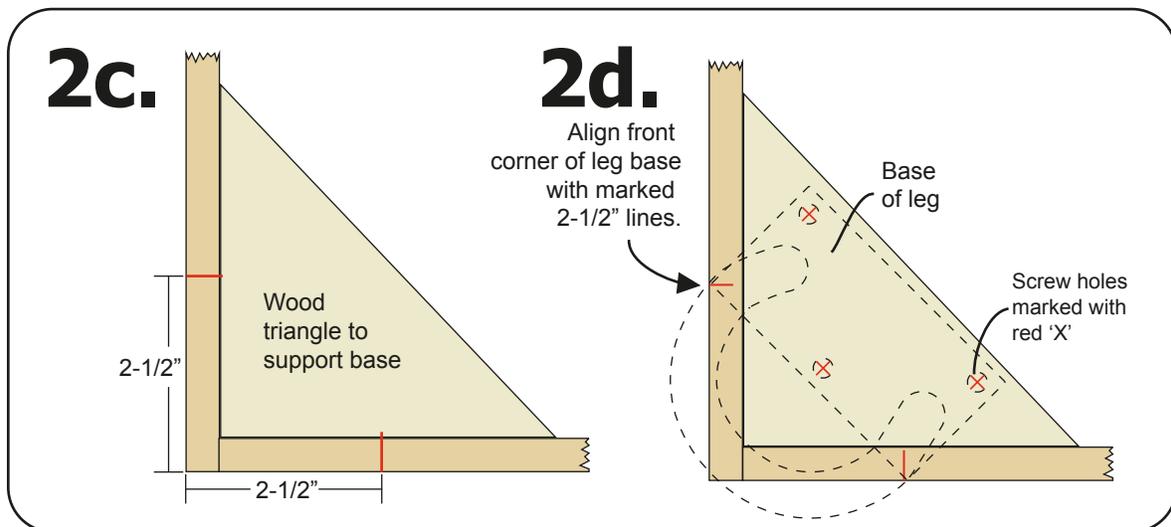
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#### Diagonal Alignment:

Legs can also be positioned so they are diagonal to the corners. To do this, measure and place a mark 2-1/2" from each corner, along each edge (**2c**). Place the base of the leg diagonally so the front corners of the base touch the 2-1/2" marks (**2d**). Be sure the metal base does not extend beyond the edge of the furniture piece. Legs should angle away from the furniture.

Do not plan screws to be too close to the edge of your furniture piece. The base plate of the leg measures 1-3/4" x 3-1/2". This plate should be flush to the edge of the furniture, or inset 1/2" to 5/8" from the edge.

Holding the leg firmly, use a pen or pencil to trace the screw holes.





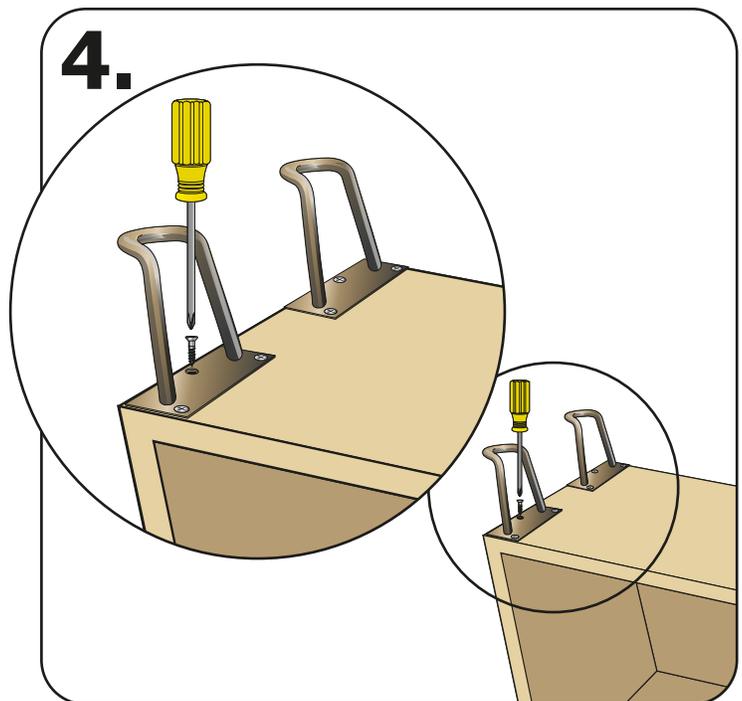
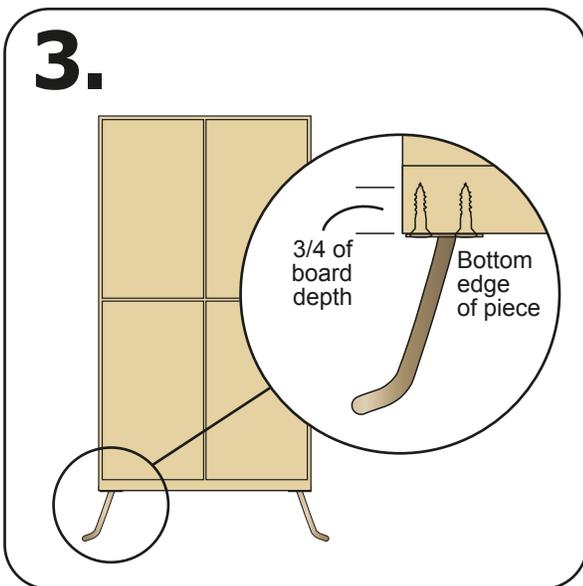
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#### Screw Length:

**3.** Mounting screws should never show on any piece of furniture. Generally the length of the screw should be about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the depth of the board into which it is screwed. For example, if the wood is  $\frac{5}{8}$ " thick, the screw should be  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long; if the wood is 1" thick, the screw should be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " long.



#### Attaching Legs:

**4.** Carefully drill a hole at the center of each mark making sure you do not penetrate the opposite side of the wood. Use a screwdriver to screw each leg securely into place. Once all legs are attached, carefully turn the piece right side up and step back to admire your work.

#### TIP:

Use a drill bit about half the size of the actual screw to create a "pilot hole". This helps ensure exact positioning and helps prevent cracking the wood when the larger screw is drilled in.

