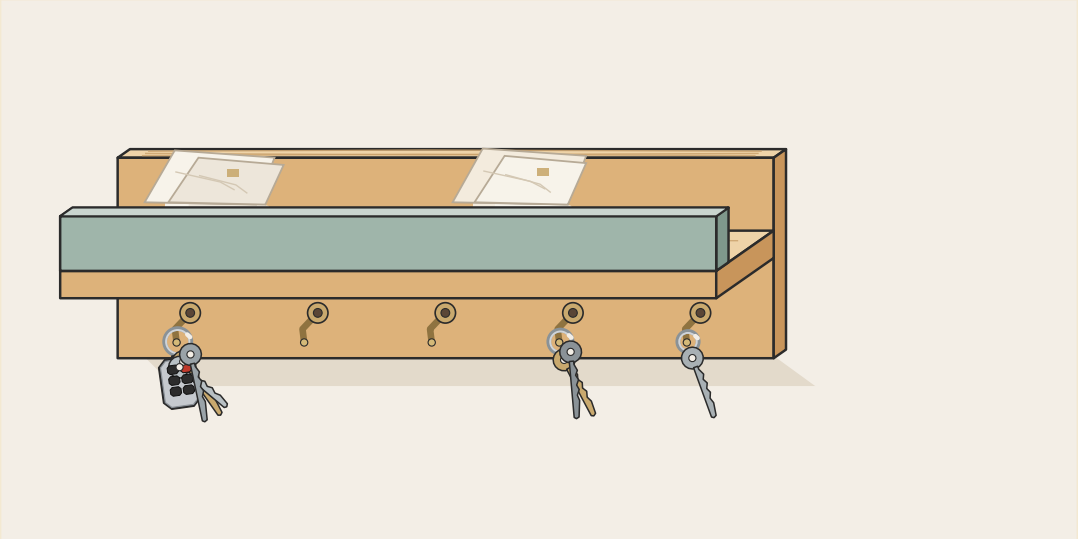
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Wall-Mounted Key & Mail Holder

A modern-rustic drop zone for the entryway: mail pocket set below the top of the backboard, five brass-tone cup hooks along the bottom. Pocket holes or screws. About an hour. Under twenty bucks in materials.



FINISHED SIZE	BUILD TIME	DIFFICULTY	COST (ESTIMATE)
18" W × 5-1/2" H	**~1 hour**	**Beginner**	**$12–$20***
457 × 140 mm · ~4-1/4" (108 mm) deep	plus finish drying	● ○ ○ 1 of 3	lumber + hooks + supplies

Imperial + metric · One-board friendly · Apartment-friendly · Pocket holes or screws

*Prices are estimates based on U.S. home-center prices in late 2026 and will vary by store, region, and wood species. Range assumes a pine 1x6, five cup hooks, wood glue, sandpaper and a basic finish bought as full retail packs. Tools are not included. Always follow your screw and anchor manufacturer's instructions and load ratings.

BEFORE YOU START

Materials & cut list

A **backboard** (A) mounts to the wall. **Mail shelf** (B) and **front lip** (C) form a pocket set **2" below the top** of A. Five **cup hooks** (D) sit along the bottom. All wood from one 1x6 × 4 ft if you rip the leftover.

Tools & shopping

- [ ] Tape measure, pencil, square, saw, drill/driver
- [ ] Pocket-hole jig (optional — screws alone work)
- [ ] Stud finder · level · sanding block
- [ ] Safety glasses & dust mask

QTY	ITEM
1	**1x6 × 4 ft** pine or poplar actual 3/4" × 5-1/2" (19 × 140 mm)
5	**Cup hooks** ~1-1/4" brass or black screw-in style for wood
4	**1-1/4" pocket screws** or #8 wood screws for shelf & lip joints
2–4	**2-1/2"–3" screws** for wall studs
1	**Wood glue** · sandpaper 120 + 180/220 · finish

NO SAW / NO RIP?

Buy a 1x6 × 2 ft for (A), a 1x4 × 2 ft for (B), and a 1x2 × 2 ft for (C). Ask the home center to cross-cut each to 18".

Cost estimate* (Home Depot–style)

ITEM	APPROX.
1x6 × 4 ft pine	$6–$10
Cup hooks (5-pack)	$3–$6
Screws / glue / sandpaper	$3–$8
Finish (if buying new)	$0–$8
Typical first-build total	**$12–$20**

*Prices may vary by store, region, and wood species. Estimates reflect late-2026 U.S. home-center pricing. Board + hooks alone are often under $15 if you already own glue and sandpaper.

Nominal vs. actual. A "1x6" is really **3/4" × 5-1/2"** (19 × 140 mm). A "1x4" is **3/4" × 3-1/2"** (19 × 89 mm). A "1x2" is **3/4" × 1-1/2"** (19 × 38 mm). This plan uses **actual** sizes.

Cut list

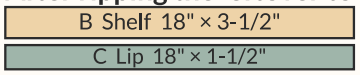
PART	NAME	QTY	STOCK	T × W (ACTUAL)	LENGTH
A	**Backboard**	1	1x6	3/4" × 5-1/2" 19 × 140 mm	**18"** 457 mm
B	**Mail shelf**	1	1x4 / ripped	3/4" × 3-1/2" 19 × 89 mm	**18"** 457 mm
C	**Front lip**	1	1x2 / ripped	3/4" × 1-1/2" 19 × 38 mm	**18"** 457 mm
D	**Cup hooks** (purchased)	5	Metal	~1-1/4" overall ~32 mm	—

CUTTING DIAGRAM — ONE 1X6 × 48"

1×6 × 4 ft — cut the backboard, then rip the remainder



After ripping the leftover to 3-1/2" and 1-1/2" strips

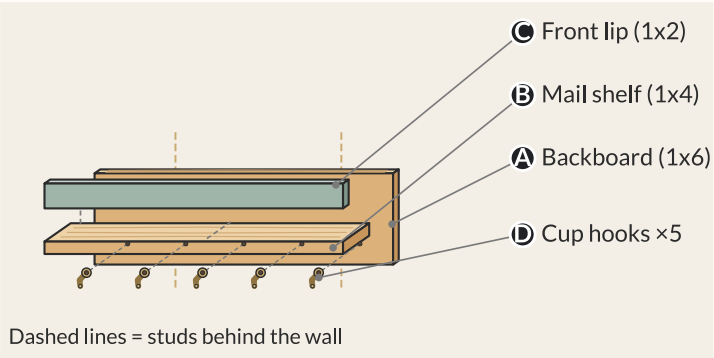


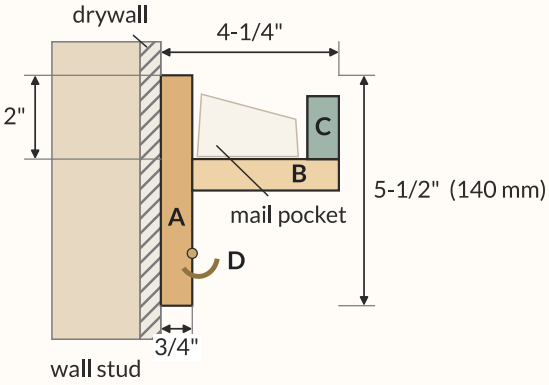
+ 5 store-bought cup hooks (part D)

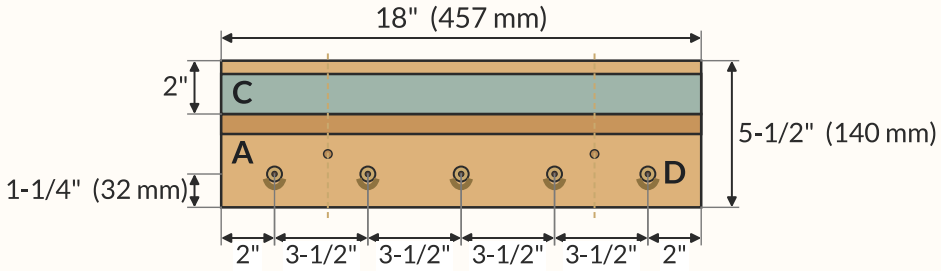
Leave ~1/8" (3 mm) for the saw kerf. Rip the leftover into a 3-1/2" strip (B) and a 1-1/2" strip (C), then cross-cut both to 18".

BUILD IT

Drawings & steps







Top: exploded view (left) and side section (right) — shelf 2" below top of A. Bottom: front elevation — hooks 3-1/2" (89 mm) OC along the bottom; mounting screws (●) into studs. Not print-scale.

1 **Cut, rip and sand**

Cut (A) to 18" (457 mm). Rip and cut (B) (3-1/2" × 18") and (C) (1-1/2" × 18"). Sand with 120 grit; ease the front edges you'll see and touch.

2 **Attach the mail shelf**

Glue and screw (B) to the upper front of (A), flush with both ends, **top of B 2" below the top of A** (A extends above the shelf). Pocket holes from underside of B into A, or screws through A into B from behind. Wipe squeeze-out.

3 **Add the front lip**

Glue and screw (C) upright on the front of (B), flush with the front edge and ends. The lip stands on B and stays below the top of A. This forms the mail pocket. Clamp or tape while the glue sets (~30–60 min).

4 **Finish, hooks and hang**

Sand to 180–220. Oil, wipe-on poly, or paint; let it cure. Mark hooks on (A) at **2", 5-1/2", 9", 12-1/2" and 16"** from the left, **1-1/4" up from the bottom**. Predrill; twist in cup hooks (D). Level on two studs; drive 2-1/2"–3" screws through A in the clear band between the hooks and the shelf (or rated anchors).

SAFETY

Glasses when cutting, dust mask when sanding. Check for wires before drilling into walls. Lay oily rags flat outdoors to dry — they can self-ignite. Don't overload hooks or the mail pocket.

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