Porch Bed Swing

RELAXING TIMES AHEAD
Swinging in the warm breeze, head propped on a pillow, a glass of sweet tea in your hand....

Materials
Lumber
• (5) 5/4" x 6" x 10' Decking Boards
• (7) 1" x 6"x 8' Pressure Treated SYP
• 1/4" x 48" x 96" Plywood

Other
• Exterior Grade Wood Glue
• 2" Wood Deck Screws (100+)
• Appropriate Bit for Deck Screws
• Combination Countersink Bit
• 3/8" Step/Pocket Hole Drill Bit
• 18-gauge, 1.5" Finishing Nails or 1.5" Staples
• 7/8" Forstner Drill Bit
• Chamfer Router Bit
• Heavy Ropes or Heavy Chains
• Foam Pad (38" x 76")

Tools
• Pencil, Measuring Tape
• Old Paint Brush
• 4-6 Bar Clamps (at least 5" long)
• Pocket Hole Jig
• Straight Edge / Carpenter Square
• Wood File
• Table Saw
• Miter Saw
• Jig Saw
• Electric Drill / Driver
• Nail Gun / Staple Gun
• Radial Sander / Sanding Block
• Router
• Safety Glasses / Ear Protection
• Dust Mask / Work Gloves

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Beams and Cross Braces
(2) 5/4" x 5" x 120"

Additional Braces
(1) 5/4" x 5" x 120"

Bed Frame
(2) 5/4" x 5" x 120"

Bed Frame Ledger Strips
(1) 1" x 6" x 96"

Back Supports and Arm Rests
(2) 1" x 6" x 96"

Detail
Porch Bed Swing: Cuts

Back Slats

***Note: Actual dimensions are 3/4" x 5 1/2" x 96"... This is known typically as a '1 x 6' at lumber stores

(3) 1" x 6" x 96"

Arm Rests

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Plywood Base

(1) 1/4" x 48" x 96"

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Step 1:
The Support Structure

- Prep all 5/4" decking boards by squaring off the edges with a table saw
- Glue, clamp, and use 2" decking screws to attach the support beams
- Use pocket hole jig to secure the bracing
- Use 7/8" forstner bit to drill through frame for rope, chamfer the edges

Step 2:
The Framework

This is the wood you see, so be sure to use pressure treated SYP that suits you.

- Use jig saw to cut out frame notches around support structure for end frames
- Make curve on front board using wood glue bottle
- Install short supports in middle
- Finish by nailing in ledger boards

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Step 3: The Back Frame & Supports

- Glue, clamp, and screw supports to attach to frame
- Nail ledger strip
- Attach entire assembly with blue and decking screws, carefully aligning corners

Step 4: Arm Rests

- Use glue and fasteners to connect supports to triangles
- First, attach two outer supports with glue and screws, then space inner supports equidistant
- Chamfer edges of arm for smooth feel
**Step 5:**

**Back Slats**

- After sawing 1x6 boards in half for the back slats, soften edges with a router bit
- Use wood glue and finishing nails along each support
- If splicing two boards together, bevel cut ends and join with wood glue

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**Step 6:**

**Swing Bottom**

- Spread an even layer of wood glue over entire frame and nail into place
- Use 7/8" forstner bit to drill through the arms, chamfer the edges
- If in doubt, contact a pro to install