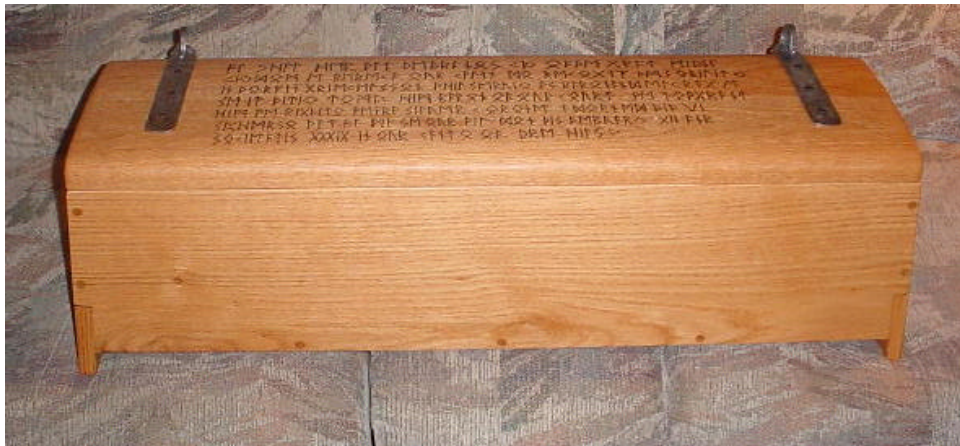


*A few notes on the design and
making of a
Viking Age Tool Chest
Based upon the Mastermyr Find*

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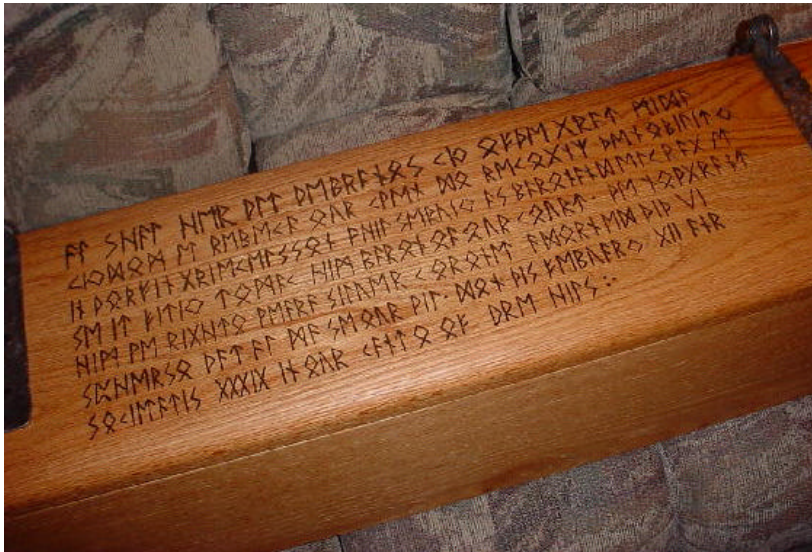


The original Mastermyr Chest is above, My version is below



The Mastermyr tool chest was discovered in October of 1936 in Gotland, Norway when a farmer was plowing a field that had at one time been a bog. It was probably not originally built as a tool chest, but was later used as one. Possibly it was originally a rowing chest, meant to be sat upon and store a sailor's belongings while he rowed the galley. It is comparable to a chest found in Oseburg burial ship. This chest dates roughly to the ninth or tenth century. To find out more about the chest, and its contents and hardware, I recommend *The Mastermyr Find*, by Greta Arwidsson and Gosta Berg. ISBN 0-9650755-1-6.

Following are the plans to make a chest based on the Mastermyr find. It is the same dimensions as the original, which is surprisingly short. Some research let me know the height is appropriate for sitting upon while rowing a galley ship. It does not offer locks and hinges as I am not a metal worker. I had those made separately so no plans are offered for them. The chest shown was given as a Court Baron scroll for Baron Thorfinn Grimkelsson when he stepped down from Landed Baron in my home Barony of Andelcrag. The scroll was translated into Viking runes and burned into the top. A local blacksmith did the hinges and no hasp or lock was added. It was interesting to notice that the hinges which are based on the original hinges allow the top to 'lock' in three different positions, closed, vertical, or down against the back of the chest.

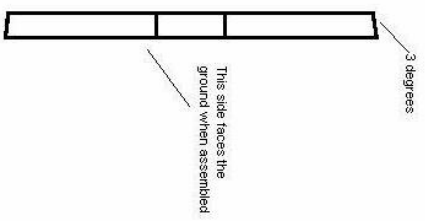
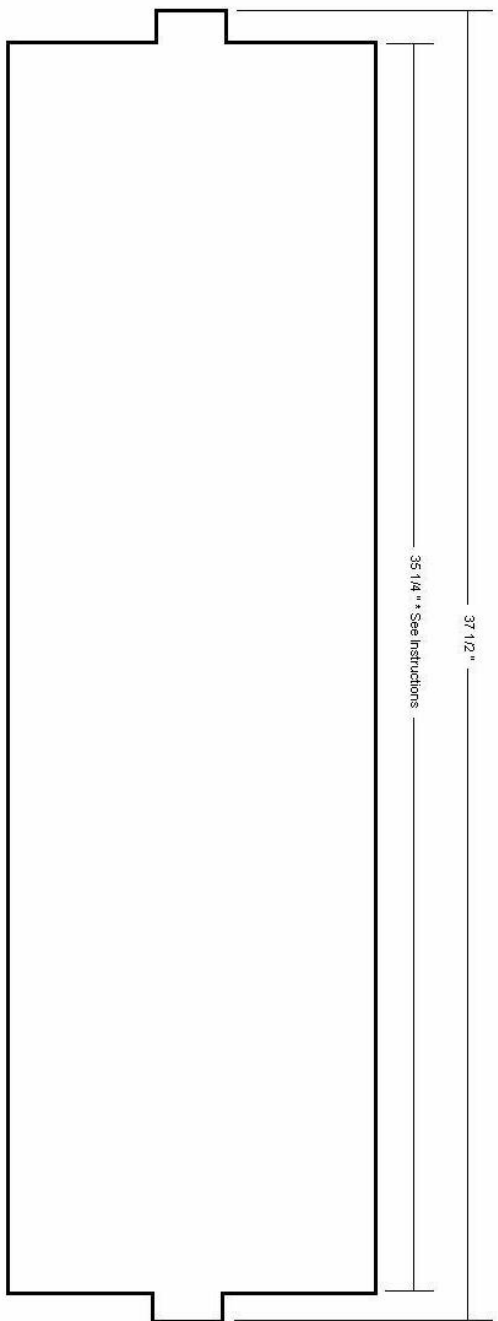


Close up view of the scroll burned into the top.

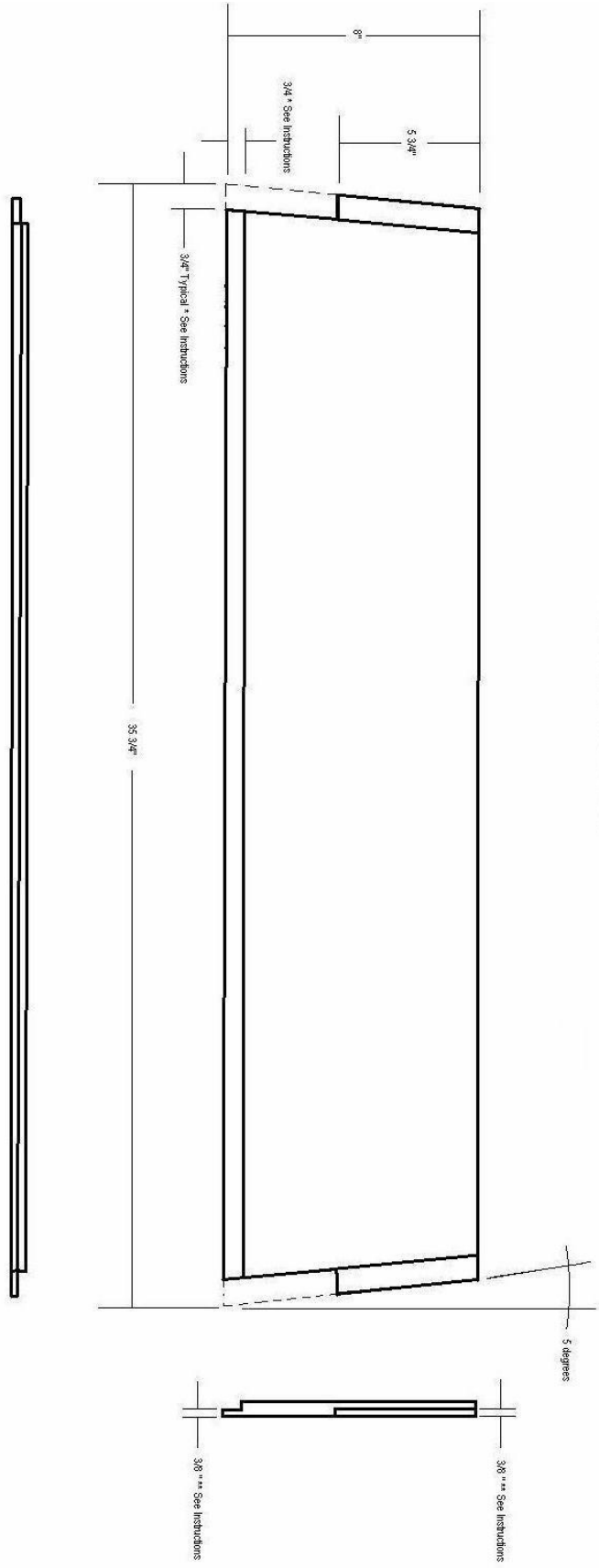
Images below, showing the lid locked in vertical and fully open positions.

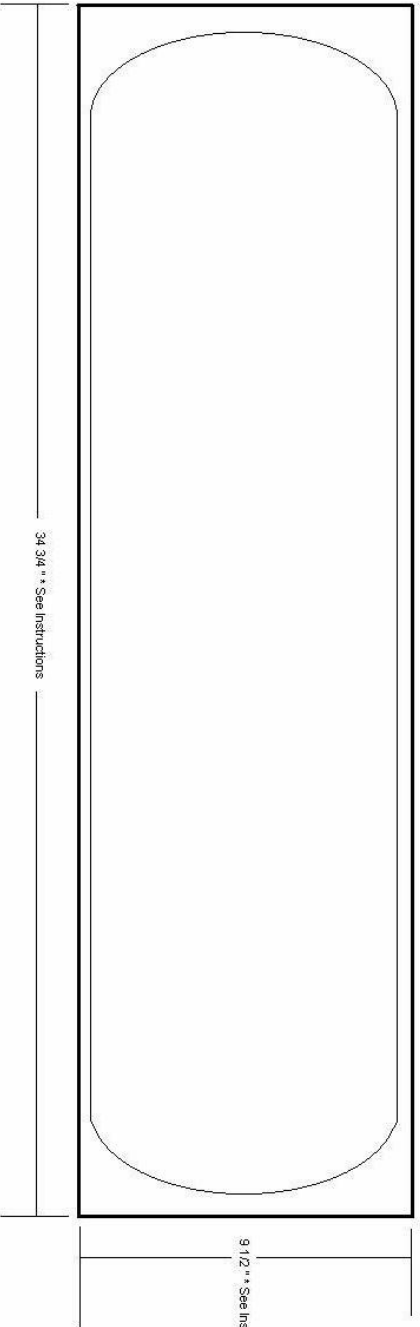
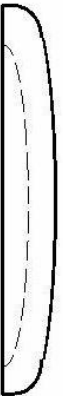
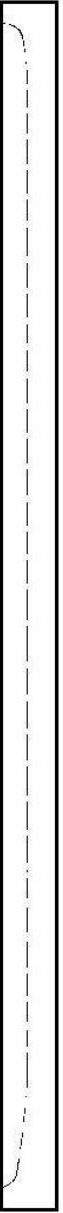


Bottom Piece



Front and Back Sides



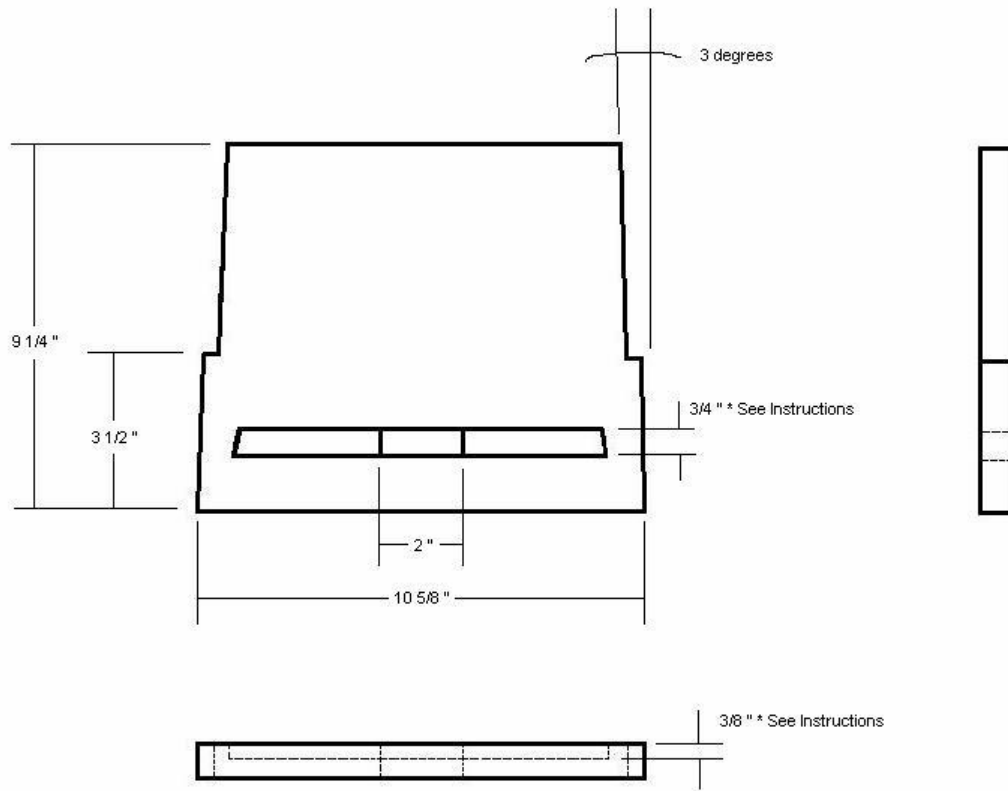


9 1/2" * See instructions

34 3/4" * See instructions

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End Pieces



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I hope you enjoy making this as much as I did.

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