

## Wine Server Brass Overlay Panel

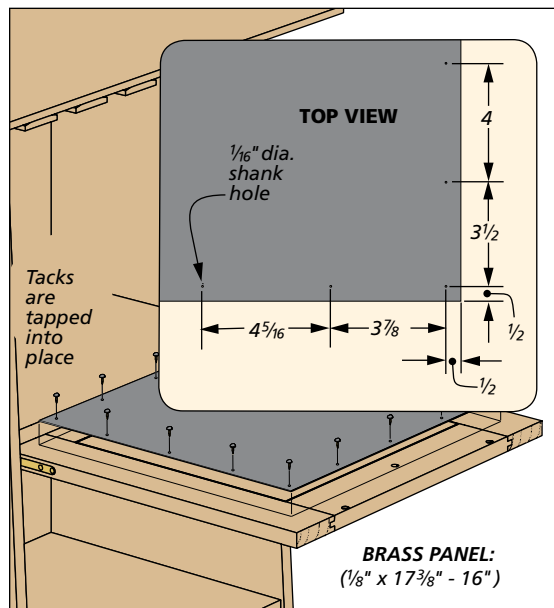
After I completed the wine server, I decided it needed one last touch. To protect the back of the door from stains and spills, I attached the painted brass panel shown in the photo at right.

Adding the plate was pretty straightforward. I started with an oversized brass sheet and cut it to size on the table saw using a carbide-tipped blade. To make cutting the brass a little easier, I fastened it to a piece of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " hardboard with double-sided tape. To soften the freshly cut edges, you can touch them up with 220-grit sandpaper. Then it's just a matter of drilling holes for the tacks. A fence on your drill press keeps the holes a uniform distance from the edge.

To prepare the brass panel for painting, I scuffed the surface with an abrasive pad on my random-orbit sander. After that, you'll need to clean the surface with lacquer thinner. To match the finish of the strap hinges and pull on the outside of the server, I used a textured paint, shown below. **W**



▲ *Rust-oleum's* hammered black paint helps match the texture of the mission-style hardware used on the outside of the wine server.



### SOURCES

The hammered black paint from *Rust-oleum* is available at most hardware stores.

The brass panel came from *McMaster-Carr*, part #8956K75. You can reach them at 562-463-4277 or order through their web site: [www.mcmaster.com](http://www.mcmaster.com).

*Horton Brasses* supplied the tacks I used to secure the panel. You'll have to make a special request for them at 800-754-9127.