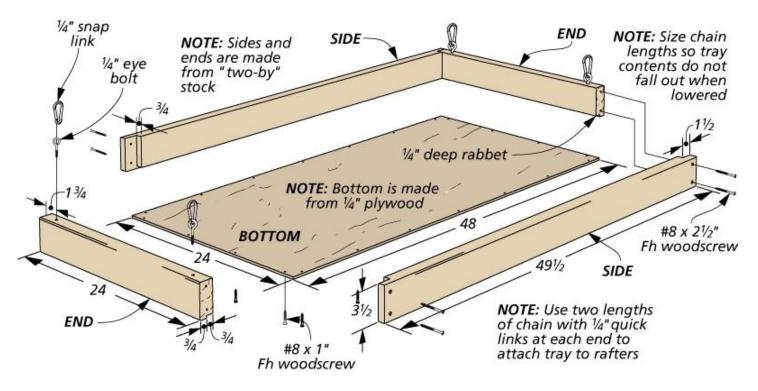
## **Hideaway Overhead Storage**

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A safe home for small pieces that are waiting to be used in a future project



My small shop doesn't have much room for storage, especially when it comes to delicate sheets of veneer and various lightweight items that are easily damaged or misplaced. To solve this storage problem, I made this shallow tray that's mounted to the rafters in the ceiling.



You can see how the tray goes together in the drawing above. What's unique about this tray is the system for raising and lowering it. Each corner of the tray features eye bolts and snap links that match up with eye bolts on the rafters.



Connecting the snap links with the rafter-mounted eye bolts holds the tray closed. Both front corners of the tray, however, also have a short length of chain that's connected between the eye bolts with quick links. To access the tray, release the snap links and gently lower the tray until it's supported by the chains.