DESIGN AND FABRICATE MULTIPURPOSE PORTABLE DESK

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The study of manufacturing was very important in order to carry out this project to ensure that the student understand on what are needed to do. This project is about designing and fabricate “Multipurpose Portable Desk” to help people easy to bring anywhere. This project involves the process of designing the table by using considering some of factor such as shape and ergonomic for people to use. After the design is complete, it was transformed to real product where the design is used as a guideline. This project also required to ensure the safety for indeed of publishing. Methods and process involve in this project for instance joining using welding, rivet, shearing, bending and drilling. This project is mainly about generating a new concept of multipurpose and portable desk that would make easy to bring anywhere and more function. After all process had been done, this desk may help us to understand the fabrication and designing process that involved in this project.
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1: Project Title

My project title is design and fabricate multi-purpose portable desk. The fabrication of the table is concern to strength, durability, and more function. New concepts require improving portable multipurpose function such as easy to use.

1.2: Project synopsis

This project is design and fabricates a Multipurpose Portable Desk. The project involved the design and fabrication. This desk can be adjusts to different heights and angles and folds away too. Multi-purpose Portable Desk instantly turns a chair or sofa into an eating, entertainment or work center. The desk must be sturdy and portable so it can use for flat for eating, writing, and doing paperwork.

Skill requirement during making this project is AutoCAD, mechanical design, welding and basic machining such as shearing machine, bending machine and drill machine.
1.3: Project Background

At this moment desk in market have various type, specification, and shape. Table used as place to put anything on them. Beside that table can used to study and making many works such as writing note, make assignment, and can do the drawing.

As we know, desk is large, difficult to move and sometime not using friendly. In order to solve this problem, the desk that I design is considering all of current weakness. This desk design is more compact, user friendly due to we can adjust the height and angle, portable and multipurpose.

1.4: Project Objective

Project objective divide by two. It is general objective and specific objective for the title of project.

1.4.1: General Objective

The objective of diploma final year project is to practice the knowledge and skill in problem solving using academic research, in order to become a good engineer that have been enough knowledge and skill.

This project also important to train and increase student capability in research, analysis and problem solving. These projects also educate the student in communication like in presentation and educate them to define their research in presentation.
This also can produce and train student to capable of doing work with minimal supervisory and more independent in searching, detailing and expanding the knowledge and experiences.

The other objective is generating student that have capability to make a good research report thesis form or technical writing.

1.4.2: Specific Project Objective

The main objective of this project is:

i. To design and fabricate a multipurpose portable desk.

ii. Fabricate desk can be adjust to different height, angle and can fold.

iii. To design a desk that is suitable to it application.

iv. Introduce and fabricate new concept of desk.

v. Fabricate the desk with minimize the manufacturing cost.

1.5: Problem Statements

Basically this project is base on these problem statements:

- Existing desk in the market only has limited function.
- Many desks right now fit for their height and angle.
- Difficult to change the place because the desk not portable or can’t be fold.
1.6: Project Scope

- Literature review
  - Consideration on the multipurpose and portable of the desk.

- Design product
  - Sketching and CAD drawing
  - Mechanical design application

- Fabrication product
  - Process involving basic machining and joining.

- Test and evaluation
  - Aspect to consideration:
    Strength, safety, ergonomic
  - No error from fabrication
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- **Plan**
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CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1: Introduction

Table used as place to put anything on it. Beside that table can be used to writing, study and making many work such as doing drawing, making homework and others. We already know many table have a big size and difficult to move at other place and bring it. So many designs right now become fordable table that have more easy to use, can fold, move to other place and bring it. Foldable table is thing that can fold from large to become a small size such as briefcase, box and others. Fordable table is the most interesting to people used to camping, picnic because easy to bring it. Many products at the market have different specification, shape and type when manufacture by different manufacturing company. Research review about fordable table is to get data to make a new concept of foldable table.

2.2: Review Current Product
2.2.1: Winsome Folding Computer Desk

![Winsome Folding Computer Desk](image)

**Figure 2.1:** Winsome Folding Computer Desk

**Product Information**

This computer desk is perfect for smaller spaces. Crafted of solid beech wood with a Honey Pine finish and classic Mission styling, it features a pull-out keyboard tray and folds up when not in use. Other coordinating shelves and desks are available separately.

**Product Features**

- Keyboard tray
- Solid beech wood
- Fold up
2.2.2: Carolina Cottage

![Image of Carolina Cottage](image)

**Figure 2.2: Carolina Cottage**

**Product Information**

This unique folding desk comes in a beautiful chestnut finish and carved, turned legs. The simple, traditional design is great for any room.

**Product Features**

- Turned leg.
- Chestnut finish.
- Can fold it.
2.2.3: Easy Fold portable computer desk

**Figure 2.3:** Easy Fold portable computer desk

**Product Information**

Foldable desk provides an added work area in the home or office while taking up little floor and storage space. This stylish desk features a highly functional design with a durable metal frame and laminate shelves for holding a monitor, keyboard, and printer. Dual single-touch lock/release clamps allow for easy setup or storage, making it the perfect laptop, bill paying, or study desk. Also includes rear casters for convenient mobility.

**Product Features**

- Durable metal frame.
- Dual single-touch lock.
- Rear casters.
2.3: Basic Parts

The basic parts of table are dividing by three parts are:

i. Surface Table: Usually this made from wood. For new technology surface table using sheet metal, plastic and aluminum that joined with bolt and nut, rivet and welding with steel frame and leg steel.

ii. Arm: Arm is function to lock leg table and make table become stable. Usually arm shape like a small rectangular bar or sheet metal. It is join with surface table and leg table.

iii. Leg Table: This part using steel because it has good strength to up heavy loaded that place on the surface table. It is joining with frame surface table or directly with surface table.