

# Simple Cutting Software X – Building a Cutlist

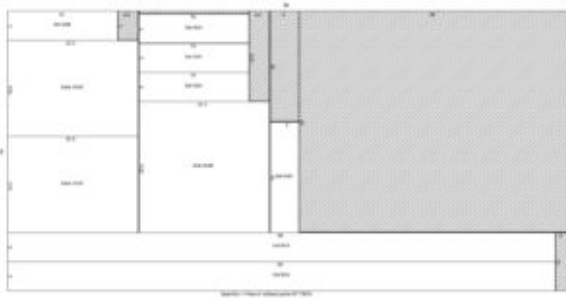
Now working on my third cabinet build project, I've come to appreciate using software to sort out the cutlist for plywood.

I'm using a demo version of [Simple Cutting Software X](#), and it works pretty well, with some exceptions.

Of the detractors for the software, it tends to "optimize" the cuts rather than make them all work in the grain direction you prefer.

I'm now getting the counter subtop, shelves, and plinth base cutlist organized to break down two more sheets of plywood, and then on to laying out for cutting 1/4 Baltic birch for backs and door panels. You can tinker with it in the Fibre column so that it will shift pieces around, but it still will not give everything you want. Depending on the stock size of your sheets, though, it is simple enough to shift a couple of cuts on the fly and get most of what you want done. English or Metric works.

The demo version of the software doesn't seem to allow the cutlist diagrams to be saved, but even so, it does print. So it is a nice, handy piece of software that you may want to use on your next shop cabinet project, shelving project, or whatever plywood or other sheet cutting job you have to do. There is NOT much Mac friendly woodworking software out there, so it was nice to find this one.



Lanai Cabinet Cutlist