

Making A Flat Place in My Car, Version 1.0

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In the process of getting in and out of my car, it is handy to have a small flat surface. I can stage things, like a drink, on this surface, and they don't fall over.



The one thing my car does not have is a flat surface². I do have this small recess just behind my hand brake lever. I've never used it.



My water bottle can be balanced over this recess, but it usually falls over as I get out of the car.



My solution was to build a table. Two chunks of scrap pine were glued together and shaped to fit the recess. The tabletop is a piece of scrap MDF held in place with two screws. Call this a “proof of concept,” but I see no need to make it prettier.

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² OK, I do have the floor but that is not a convenient location.



The little table is a snug fit in the recess.

I now have a flat area to place things that is easily reachable from outside the car. And, no, I do not use it while driving.

You may be wondering about that spray bottle. It is filled with distilled water. Here in Phoenix, in the summer, the steering wheel gets too hot to touch when the car has been sitting in the sun for more than a few minutes. The water instantly cools the surface and leaves no residue. I refill it once a year.

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