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How To Loosen Stuck Wooden Drawer

This problem is even more annoying than the drawer that is just off kilter, because if your life depends on getting some underwear out of that drawer, well ... Here's a practical and speedy solution to the problem.

Utensils

Extension cord with light bulb socket and a 75-watt bulb

Ingredients

Sheet of coarse grade,
1/2 - grit sandpaper (see Abrasives chart)
Paraffin wax or silicone spray

Approximate Time: 15 To 30 Minutes

1. If drawer is stuck really fast and cannot be removed from cabinet, try your best to open it at least a few inches.
2. Place extension cord and bulb into the drawer (Fig. 17A).
3. Plug extension cord into wall.
4. Allow lighted bulb to remain in drawer for 15 minutes until heat from bulb shrinks wood. This will allow you to remove drawer easily.
5. Place drawer on tabletop and sandpaper sides of the drawer as well as the tops and bottoms of drawer runners as shown in Figure 17B.
6. Rub paraffin or apply silicone spray on tops and bottoms of drawer runners and sides of drawer.
7. Replace drawer into cabinet. If still tight, it will be necessary to sandpaper that side of the drawer that is still binding.

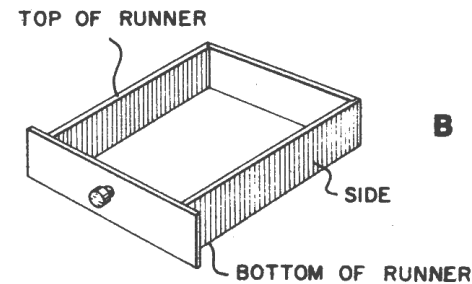
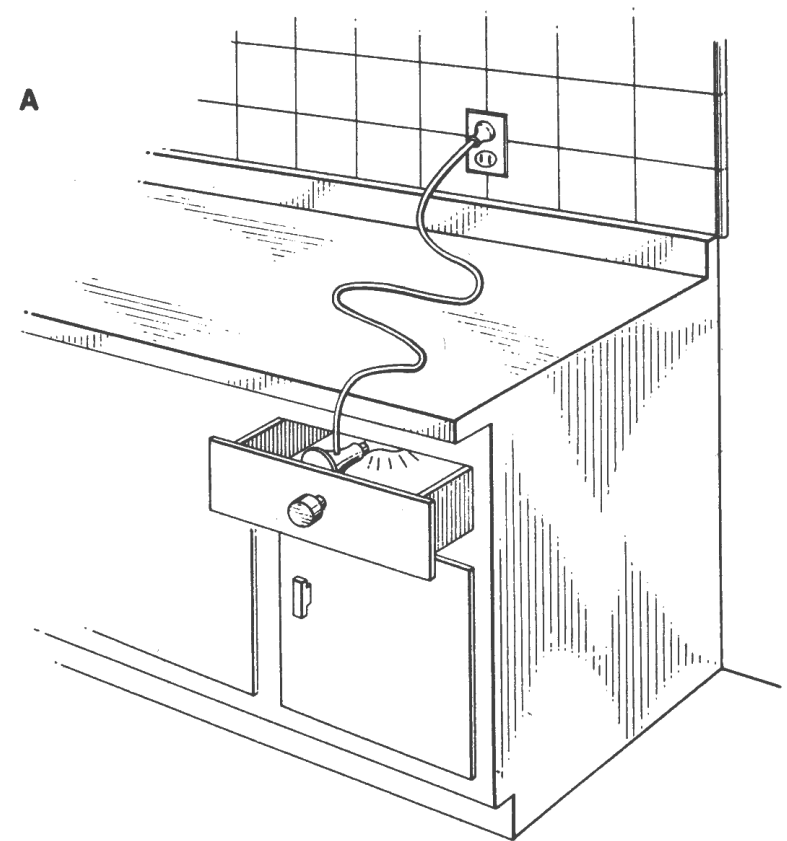


Figure 17.
Repairing a Sticking Drawer