

How To Fix Loose Table Legs

A wobbly table and civilized dining do not go together, especially when one's soup goes sloshing out of the plate and into the lap. You think that's funny? Does the tablecloth think it's funny? Follow this recipe, and you'll never have to worry about a wet lap again.

Utensils:

Small adjustable wrench

Ingredients:

Toothpicks

White polyvinyl glue

Approximate time: 15 minutes

1. Locate the loose leg or legs causing the wobble.
2. At that point, look under the table and find a diagonal metal bracket in which there is a bolt known as a stair-rail bolt (Fig. 14A).
3. Lift that corner of the table with one hand, if the table is light, and tighten bolt with adjustable wrench in a counterclockwise direction (Fig. 14A). If the table is heavy, you will need assistance. You might even want to turn the table upside down to gain easy access to the bolt.
4. Tighten all loose bolts.
5. If bolt accidentally slips out of leg, as it sometimes will, perform the following steps (Fig. 14C). Insert three or four small pieces of toothpicks into bolt hole. Squeeze in liberal amount of white polyvinyl glue. Let dry. Reinsert bolt and tighten securely.

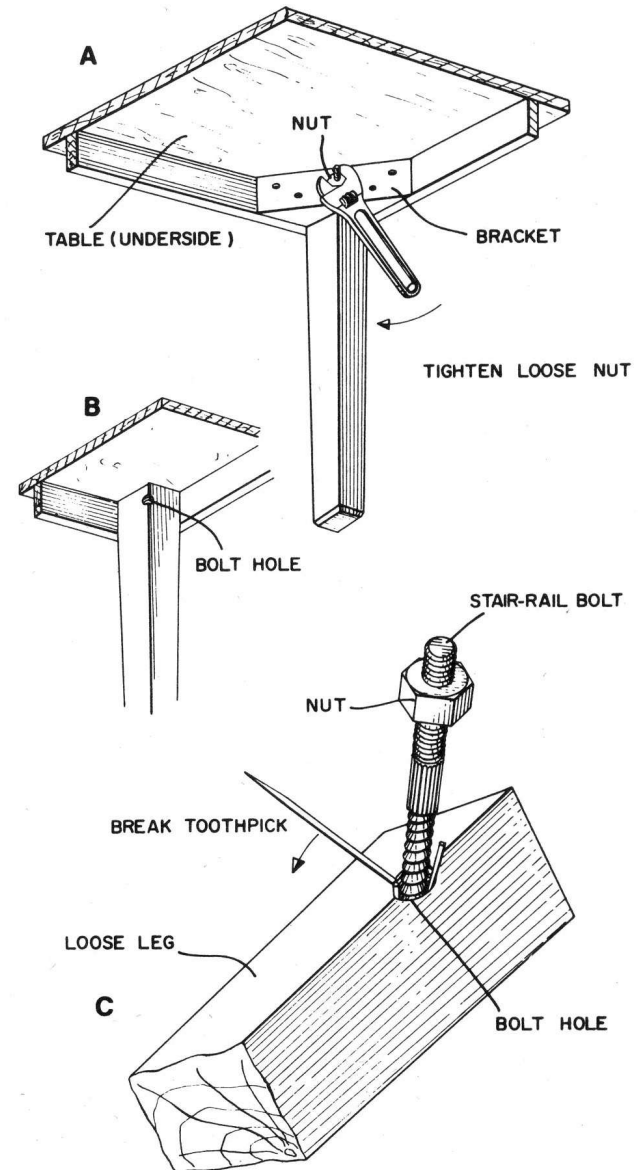


Figure 14.
Tightening a Loose Table Leg