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Model: 401.788.88, White Solid Wood, 50 cm

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The IKEA BEKVÄM step stool is a versatile and durable item designed to provide a safe boost for reaching higher areas. Constructed from solid wood, it offers stability and a natural aesthetic. Its compact design and integrated handle make it easy to move and store.



An image showing the assembled IKEA BEKVÄM two-step stool, made of white solid wood, with a handle cutout on the top step.

Key Features:

- Solid wood construction for durability.
- Integrated handle opening on the top step for easy portability.
- Two-step design for convenient access to elevated areas.
- Compact and stable design.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and follow these safety guidelines carefully to prevent injury or damage to the product.

- **Maximum Load:** Do not exceed the recommended weight capacity. While specific capacity is not

provided, this stool is designed for adult use.

- **Stable Surface:** Always place the step stool on a flat, level, and stable surface before use. Avoid uneven or slippery floors.
- **Proper Use:** Use the step stool only for its intended purpose of providing a temporary boost. Do not stand on the stool's edges or use it as a climbing frame.
- **Footwear:** Ensure you are wearing appropriate, non-slip footwear when using the stool.
- **Children:** Supervise children when they use the step stool. Ensure they understand how to use it safely.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the stool for any loose screws, cracks, or damage. Do not use if damaged.

3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

The IKEA BEKVÄM step stool requires assembly. Please follow these general steps. A detailed assembly manual with diagrams is typically included in the product packaging.

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully unpack all parts and hardware from the packaging. Verify that all components listed in the included assembly guide are present.
2. **Identify Parts:** Familiarize yourself with the different wooden pieces (legs, steps, crossbars) and hardware (screws, dowels, etc.).
3. **Assemble Frame:** Begin by attaching the legs to the crossbars and the lower step, following the sequence in the assembly guide. Use the provided screws and an appropriate screwdriver.
4. **Attach Top Step:** Secure the top step to the assembled frame. Ensure all connections are firm and aligned.
5. **Tighten All Screws:** Once all parts are in place, carefully tighten all screws. Do not overtighten, as this can damage the wood. Ensure the stool is stable and does not wobble.
6. **Final Check:** Before first use, gently test the stool's stability and ensure all parts are securely fastened.

Note: If you encounter any difficulties during assembly, refer to the specific assembly instructions provided with your product or contact IKEA customer support.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Using your IKEA BEKVÄM step stool is straightforward. Follow these steps for safe and effective use:

- **Placement:** Position the step stool on a firm, level, and non-slip surface. Ensure there are no obstacles around the stool.
- **Stepping Up:** Face the stool and step onto the lower step first, ensuring your foot is fully on the step. Then, carefully step onto the top step.
- **Balance:** Maintain your balance by keeping your body centered over the stool. Avoid leaning too far to one side.
- **Reaching:** Reach for items only when you feel stable. Do not overextend your reach, as this can cause you to lose balance.
- **Stepping Down:** Step down from the top step to the lower step, then to the floor, always facing the stool.
- **Portability:** Use the handle cutout on the top step to easily lift and move the stool to different locations.

5. MAINTENANCE

Proper care will ensure the longevity and continued safety of your step stool.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the step stool clean with a damp cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a mild soap solution. Dry thoroughly with a clean cloth.
- **Avoid Harsh Cleaners:** Do not use abrasive cleaners, strong chemicals, or solvents, as these can damage the wood finish.
- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically check all screws and connections. Tighten them if they become loose to maintain stability.
- **Storage:** Store the step stool in a dry environment, away from extreme temperatures and humidity, to prevent wood warping or damage.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your step stool, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Stool is Wobbly:**
 - Check all assembly screws. Tighten any loose screws firmly, but do not overtighten.
 - Ensure the stool is placed on a completely flat and even surface.
- **Squeaking Noises:**
 - Loose connections can cause squeaking. Re-tighten all screws.
 - Ensure no parts are rubbing against each other incorrectly.
- **Damage to Wood:**
 - Minor scratches can sometimes be touched up with wood repair kits or appropriate paint.
 - For significant damage (e.g., cracks, broken parts), discontinue use and consider replacing the affected part or the entire stool for safety.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	IKEA
Model Name	BEKVÄM Tritthocker
Model Number	401.788.88
Color	White
Material	Solid Wood
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	23 cm (Depth) x 50 cm (Width) x 39 cm (Height)
Item Weight	3.13 Kilograms
Special Feature	Portable (with handle cutout)
Age Range (Description)	Adult

Style	Mission
Manufacturer	IKEA

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

IKEA products typically come with a limited warranty. For specific warranty details, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official IKEA website for your region.

If you require assistance with assembly, have questions about product use, or need to report a defect, please contact IKEA Customer Service. You can usually find contact information on the IKEA website or in your purchase receipt.

Please have your model number (401.788.88) and proof of purchase ready when contacting support.