

GET YOUR DUCKS ON A ROLL

Create a classic push toy for your toddler using budget-friendly materials and watch them wheel their new bestie around

Ditch the plastic fantastic and go old school with a handcrafted timber push toy. You'll be amazed at how easy it is to turn a piece of pine into a one-of-a-kind plaything. It will quickly become a fave with your little one and end up a family keepsake, instead of getting sent to the tip when they outgrow it. Just be prepared to churn out a few more once your mates cotton on to your toymaking skills!



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EASY STEPS TO MAKE A DUCK TOY



STEP 1



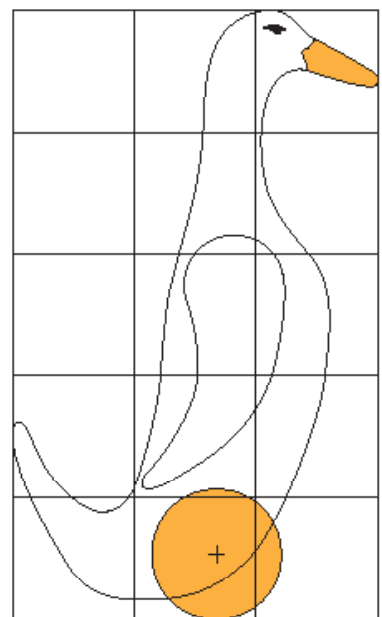
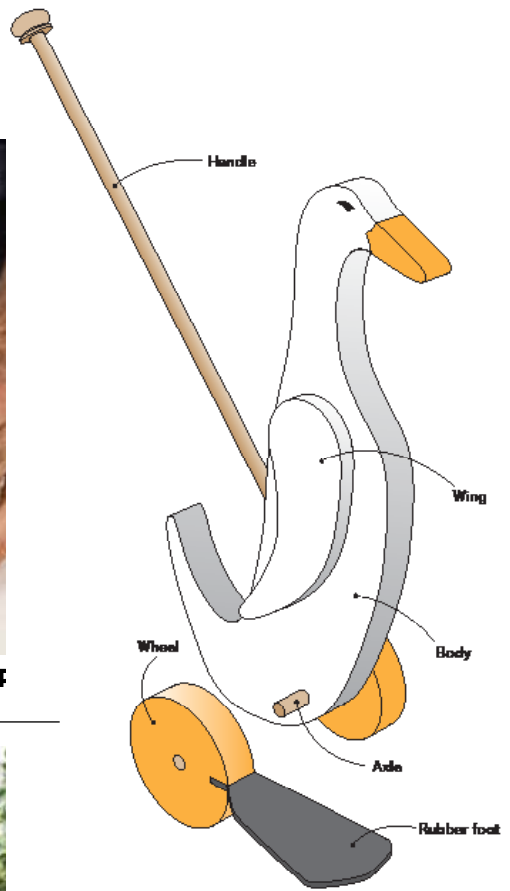
STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



Each square = 60 mm

Gather your supplies

- 184 x 19mm dressed pine
 - 9.5mm dowel
 - 9mm plywood
- Rubber stair tread
- Drawer knob

You'll also need

Jigsaw; clamps; drill; 70mm hole saw; 9mm drill bit; handsaw; PVA glue; hammer; sandpaper; paintbrush; undercoat; white and yellow acrylic paint; masking tape; utility knife; high-strength adhesive; 10mm spade bit; plastic washers; marker pen

Here's how

STEP 1 Draw 60mm grid on dressed pine. Referring to grid diagram below, trace shape of duck body and cut with jigsaw.

STEP 2 Clamp offcut to bench and cut out wheels with hole saw.

STEP 3 Widen holes in wheels with a 9mm drill bit. Cut a 65mm length of dowel for axle using handsaw. Put PVA glue in 1 wheel hole, insert dowel and hammer in.

STEP 4 Trace wings on ply and cut out with jigsaw.



STEP 5



STEP 8



STEP 6



STEP 9



STEP 7



STEP 10

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A QUACKING
GOOD TIME?
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STEP 5 Sand all components and undercoat. Paint body and wings white; wheels and beak yellow. Leave to dry between coats. Attach wings with glue and hold with tape.

STEP 6 Cut 100mm long feet out of rubber with knife. Make a slot in each wheel for feet using handsaw. Apply adhesive to edge of feet and insert in slots.

STEP 7 Drill a hole for axle in duck body using spade bit.

STEP 8 Slide washer onto axle and insert in hole, then slide on second washer. Put glue in hole of other wheel and tap onto axle. Feet go in opposite directions.

STEP 9 Cut dowel 375mm long for handle. Drill angled hole for handle in back edge of duck body using 9mm bit.

STEP 10 Glue drawer knob to handle. Insert handle in duck. Draw eyes with black marker. ■

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