

Toy Paddle Boat

Here's a great toy to play with in most any bit of water from bathtub to puddle to pond.

What you'll need:

- ⊗ 1 piece of Styrofoam or balsa wood about 3" x 2" x 1/2" or an empty mint tin
- ⊗ 2 wooden craft sticks
- ⊗ 1 small rubber band
- ⊗ 1 margarine tub lid or a similar hard sturdy plastic
- ⊗ Scissors
- ⊗ Duct tape or other strong tape

How to make it:

1. Put a craft stick on either side of the Styrofoam so it will point down into the water. See figure 1.
2. Once you have them in position, carefully wrap a long piece of duct tape all the way around the Styrofoam and sticks to hold them in place.
3. Place the rubber band over the free ends of the sticks. See figure 2.
4. Cut a piece of plastic from the lid about 1 3/4" x 3/4." This is the paddle. Make sure it is narrower than the space between the craft sticks so it can turn freely. Put a small notch in the middle of each long side. Not too deep. Just enough so the rubber band doesn't slip. See figure 3.
5. When you're ready to launch your boat, slide the paddle through the rubber band and wind it backwards. **DON'T LET GO!**
6. Put your boat in the water, let the paddle go and stand back. Happy sailing!

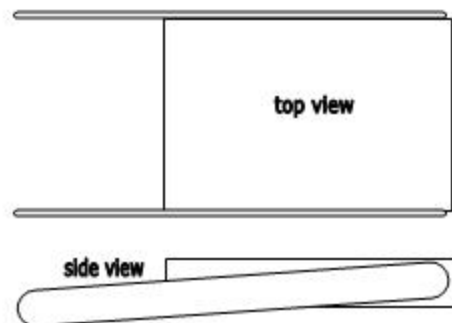


Figure 1

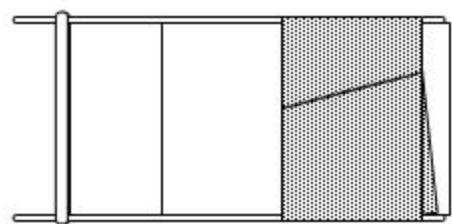


Figure 2



Figure 3