Sawed-out door sign with wooden burning

Instructions No. 4006

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 6 Hours

Plywood lets you create a wintery decorative highlight that you can customize to suit your style. By sawing, sanding, and painting, the design takes on clean edges and vibrant colors. The “ wooden burning ” then adds fine lines and a warm wood-grain look—ideal for lettering and details. The result is a personalized door sign or wall hanging.



1) Preparation

Gather all your materials, print out the free template, and tape the sheets together.

Then cut out the designs with scissors, place them on the plywood, and trace them with a pencil to transfer the

design. Be sure to position the template on the wood to save space so you have enough room for all the designs.

2) Saw out the shapes

Template labels: A = penguin with sign, B = hat brim, C = hat pom-pom, D = nose, E = hands, F = feet

Clamp the fretsaw board to the edge of the table using the clamp so you can saw safely and nothing slips. Then place the plywood on the board and begin sawing out the shapes. Keep the saw perpendicular to the wood and move it up and down slowly, without applying too much pressure. To cut curves, rotate the plywood as you saw. This will help you achieve clean curves and rounded shapes.

3) Smooth the Edges and Paint the Designs

Once you've cut out all the designs, smooth the edges with a sandpaper or a file. As soon as all the edges and corners are nice and smooth, you can paint the designs with the VBS handicraft paint.

For the wooden sign, mix brown " handicraft paint " with a little water to create a glaze and brush it onto the sign. Once everything is completely dry, you can decorate the edges of the sign with brown and black " handicraft paint ." To do this, take a sponge, dab it lightly in the paint, and apply the paint bit by bit to the edges of the sign.

4) Decorate the sign with lettering

Now transfer the lettering to the wooden sign using graphite paper and a pencil. To do this, place the graphite paper with the dark side facing down on the sign and place the printed lettering template on top of the Paper. Then trace the lettering on the template with a pencil. The pressure you apply transfers the graphite from the graphite paper onto the wooden sign.

5) Write the lettering with a pyrography pen

Wait until the pyrography pen is thoroughly heated, and wrap a paper towel around the handle in case it gets too hot to hold while burning. Be careful not to let the paper towel touch the metal of the pyrography pen to prevent it from catching fire.

Then trace the lettering onto the wooden board with the pen.

6) Glue the penguin together

Now glue all the pieces together using the handicraft glue . Use the decorative image in the instructions as a guide to ensure all pieces are glued in the correct positions. For added protection, you can apply a coat of acrylic varnish to the painted wood.

Cut a piece of the “ knitted tube ” and tie it around the penguin’s neck as a scarf. For a little extra hold, you can also glue it in place.

7) Attach the hanging wire

Now take the drill and drill two holes in the wooden sign. Cut about 1 meter of coiled wire, wrap it around a pencil or paintbrush to form a spiral. Carefully pull the wire apart slightly, then secure the ends through the drilled holes.

Your cute penguin sign is now ready to be hung up!

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Must Have



VBS Plywood board "3 mm"

Content: 3 pieces
Length: 50 cm
Width: 25 cm
Thickness: 3 mm
Material: Plywood

231,99 Kč (1 m2 = 610,50 Kč)

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
662130	VBS Plywood board "3 mm"	1
29886	Professional fretsaw cabinet, 33 parts	1
580052	Branding pen	1
27491	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlCarmine Red	1
27472	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlBrown	1
27489	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlTerracotta	1
27481	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlBlack	1
27488	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlWhite	1
517003	Sandpaper, set of 6	1
111065	VBS Handicraft glue80 ml	1
28553	VBS Acrylic varnish, 50 mlMatt	1
658126-80	Knitted tube, two-coloured, 18 Needles/Ø2.2 cmRed/White	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1
560566	Graphite paper	1
29517	Florist wireblue-annealed	1