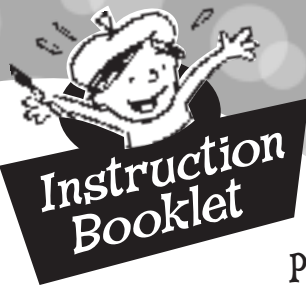


Tie the black string through and around the slot on the bowsprit on the front of the ship secure with a knot. Pull the string over the top of the sails and run it through the slots on the top of the masts. Tie and knot the string securely through the hole on the back or "stern" of the ship. When the string is knotted in place trim any excess and add a drop of glue to the top of each mast to secure it in place. For a shiny looking Pirate Ship you can apply the clear varnish to your painted ship. Be sure to let it dry completely before handling the ship. Have a swashbuckling ol time!

Finishing Touches



Pirate Ship

AHOY MATEYS!

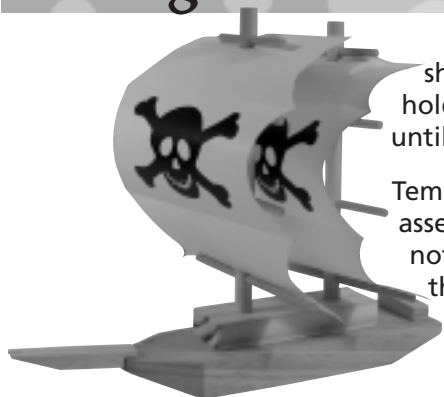
Get ready for a yo-ho-ho time of pirate ship craftin'. Build, paint and display this authentic looking wood pirate ship model.

Important Information about this Paint

- The paint included is a specially formulated non-toxic, acrylic paint that dries permanently on most surfaces, so be careful.
- Cover your work surface with newspaper. Have a cup of water and paper towels handy.
- Wear a smock or old clothes. This paint may stain. Clean up any spills immediately with soap and water.
- Paint can settle and separate over time. Mix each color thoroughly before you begin painting. If the paint seems too thick, stir in a drop or two of water.
- Before changing colors, rinse and dry your brush thoroughly.

Building a Pirate Ship

*Arrrrrr! It's best to build your ship **before** you paint it.*

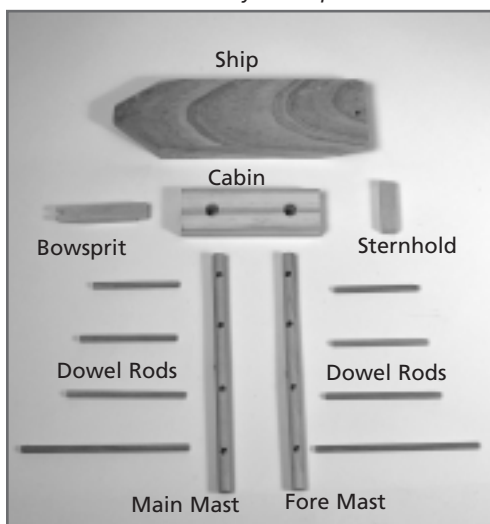


Following the pictures, glue the pirate ship pieces as shown. You may need to hold them together for a few moments until the glue sets.

Temperature and humidity may effect the assembly of the pirate ship. If the pieces are not fitting together easily, try sanding them slightly. If the pieces seem loose, add a little extra glue.

Note – this model is not seaworthy. Please keep it docked on dry land or the glue will dissolve and your ship will sink.

- 1) *glue* the cabin on the top center of the ship
- 2) *glue* the main mast into the hole on top of the cabin *the slot on the mast will be on the top and the holes in the mast should be facing out to the sides of the ship, port left, starboard right.*
- 3) add the fore mast to the hole on top of the cabin *the slot on the mast will be on the top, and the holes in the mast should be facing the sides*
- 4) glue the bowsprit on to the front or "bow" of the ship
- 5) glue the sternhold to the back or "stern" of the ship



Painting the Ship

After the ship is assembled and the glue is dry, you can paint your ship. Paint your ship anyway you like, except **do not paint the masts and dowel rods yet**. You will need to add the sails before you paint these pieces.

Hoist the Sails

When your painted ship is dry, you can add the sails. First, insert the longest dowel rod into the bottom hole in the mast. Then, carefully slide the paper sail onto the mast. The bottom of the sail will rest on the dowel rod. Insert the remaining dowel rods. The shortest dowel rod should be at the top above the sail. Repeat this step with the other mast, dowel rods, and sail. You can apply a small drop of craft glue to secure the sails to the dowel rods.

Now you can paint the masts and dowel rods. Be careful not to paint the sails!