
Vintage Camper Napkin Holder



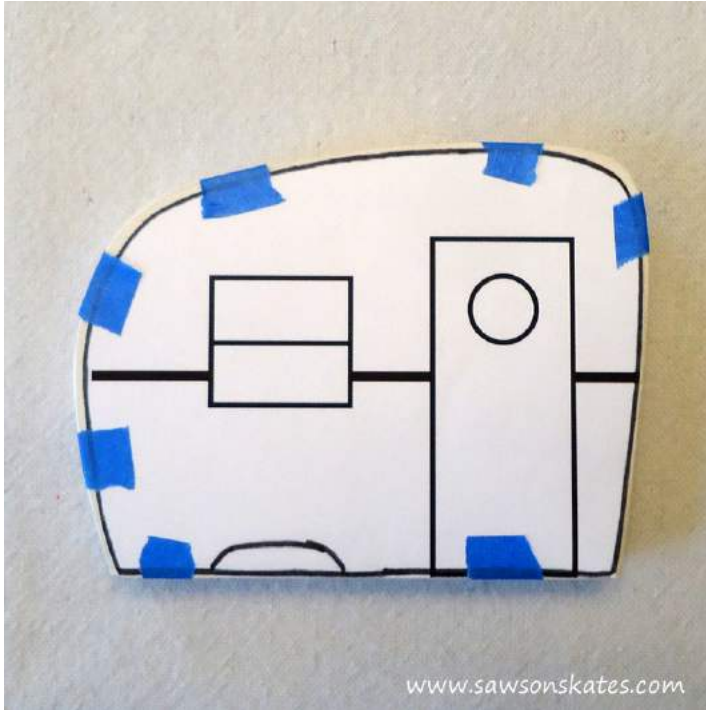
Supplies

1×5 – about 14"
1×2 – about 14"
1/4" dowel – about an 1"
Wood glue
1-1/4" finish nails
Roofing nails – for the hubcaps
Primer
Ready Patch
Craft paints

Tools

Stanley FatMax Tape Measure
Miter Saw
Jig Saw
Kreg Multi-Mark
Hole Saw
DEWALT Drill
Hammer or nail gun
1/4" drill bit

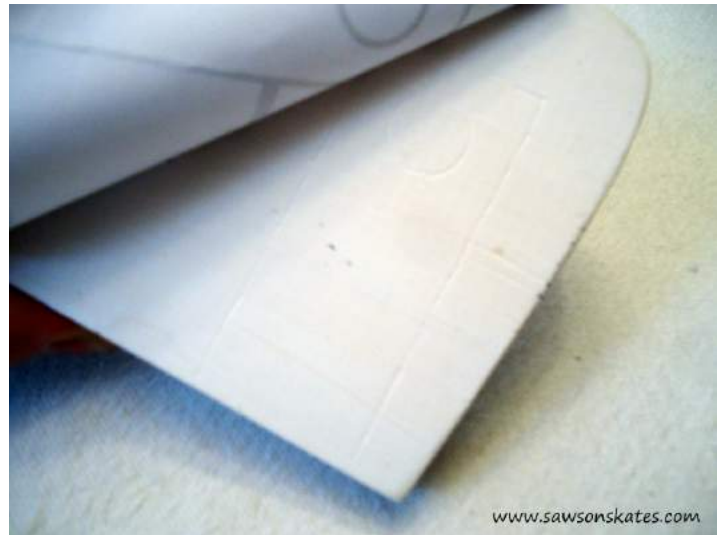
Step 1. Make the Campers. Cut out the camper template from the printed plan. Trace the template on 2 pieces of 1×5 and cut out using a jig saw. Sand the edges smooth. Temporarily reattach the template to one cutout with painter's tape.



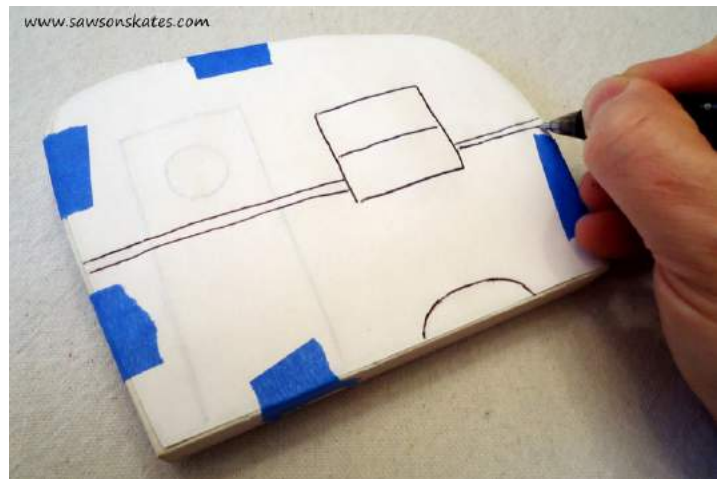
Trace the door, window, horizontal line and wheel arch with a ball point pen.



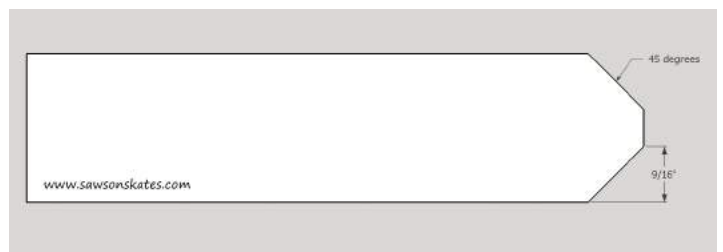
The pen leaves a slight depression in the wood, so painting the campers will be as easy as painting in between the lines.



On the second cutout, flip the template, temporarily attach to the cutout with painter's tape. Trace the window, horizontal line and wheel arch. Don't trace the door on this side.



Step 2. Make the Bottom. Cut 1 piece of 1×2 to 6-1/4". On one end, measure in 9/16" on each side and cut a 45 degree angle at those marks to form the "tongue".



On the tongue end, use the Kreg Multi-Mark to measure in 1/2".



From the side measure in 3/4"



Using a 1/4" drill bit, drill a hole 1/2" deep. I used painter's tape as a depth stop. This hole is for the "tongue jack".

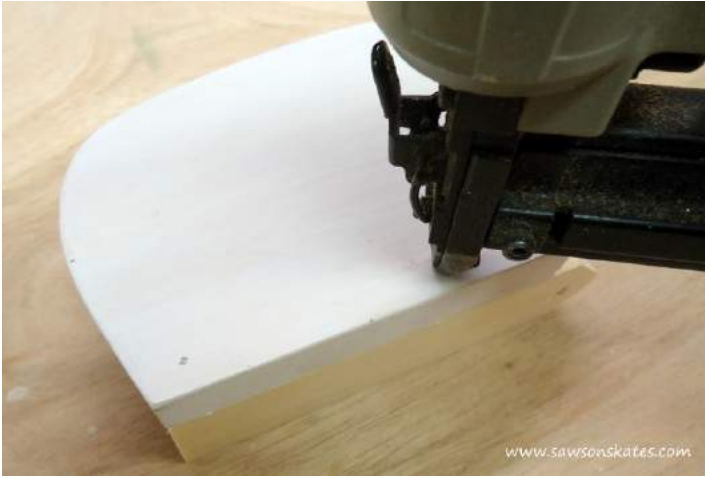


Step 3. Assemble the Camper. Apply glue to one edge of the bottom and place a camper side. Be sure the lines you traced in Step 1 face outward.



Make sure the bottom of the camper bottom is flush with the bottom and attach using 1-1/4" finish nails. Repeat for the other side.

Drill through the two pieces using a hole saw. These parts are small, so do not hold the wood while drilling, hold the clamp to keep your hand away from the hole saw.



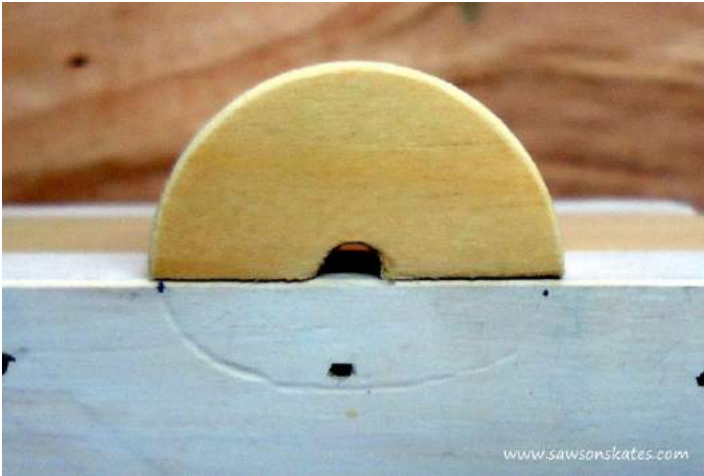
Step 4. Make the Wheels. The wheels are made same way they were made for Bus Planter. Cut 2 pieces of 1x2 to 3". Clamp the pieces together and use an all to make mark in between the two pieces.



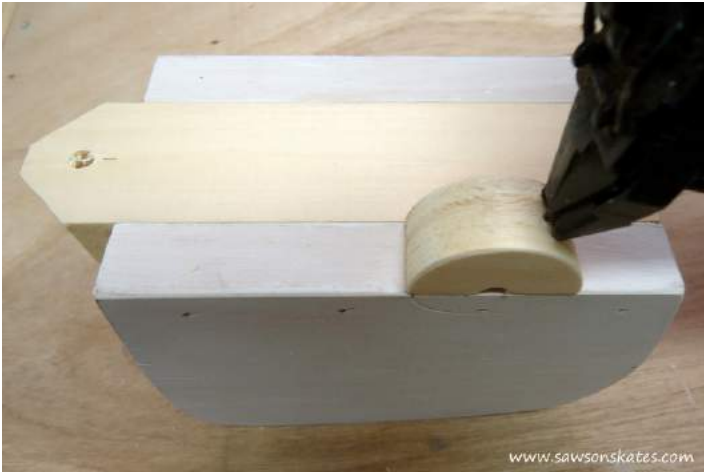
This method will form two half wheels. Sand the edges smooth.



Step 5. Attach the Wheels. Apply glue to the edge of the wheels and center on the wheel arch (traced onto the camper in Step 1).



Attach using 1-1/4" finish nails. Repeat for the other wheel.



Step 6. Attach the Tongue Jack. Cut the dowel to 1-1/4". Apply glue to the hole in the bottom and insert the dowel. Be sure the camper sits level and adjust if necessary.



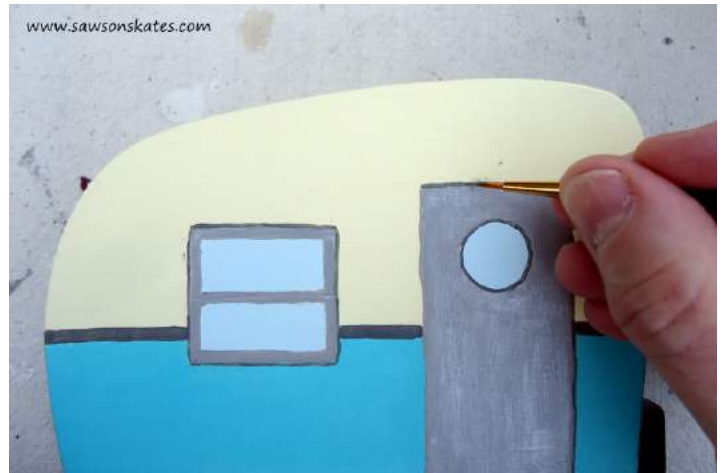
Step 7. Fill Holes, Prime and Paint. Fill the nail holes and any gaps between the body and wheels with Ready Patch. Prime the entire camper. Painting the campers is as easy painting in between the lines traced in Step 1. It's almost like "paint by number"! The tops of the campers were painted ivory and the bottoms were painted a vintage blue/green and pink.



The doors and window trim were painted a light gray then topped with a metallic silver paint.



Finally I outlined the doors and windows with a dark grey to make them pop.

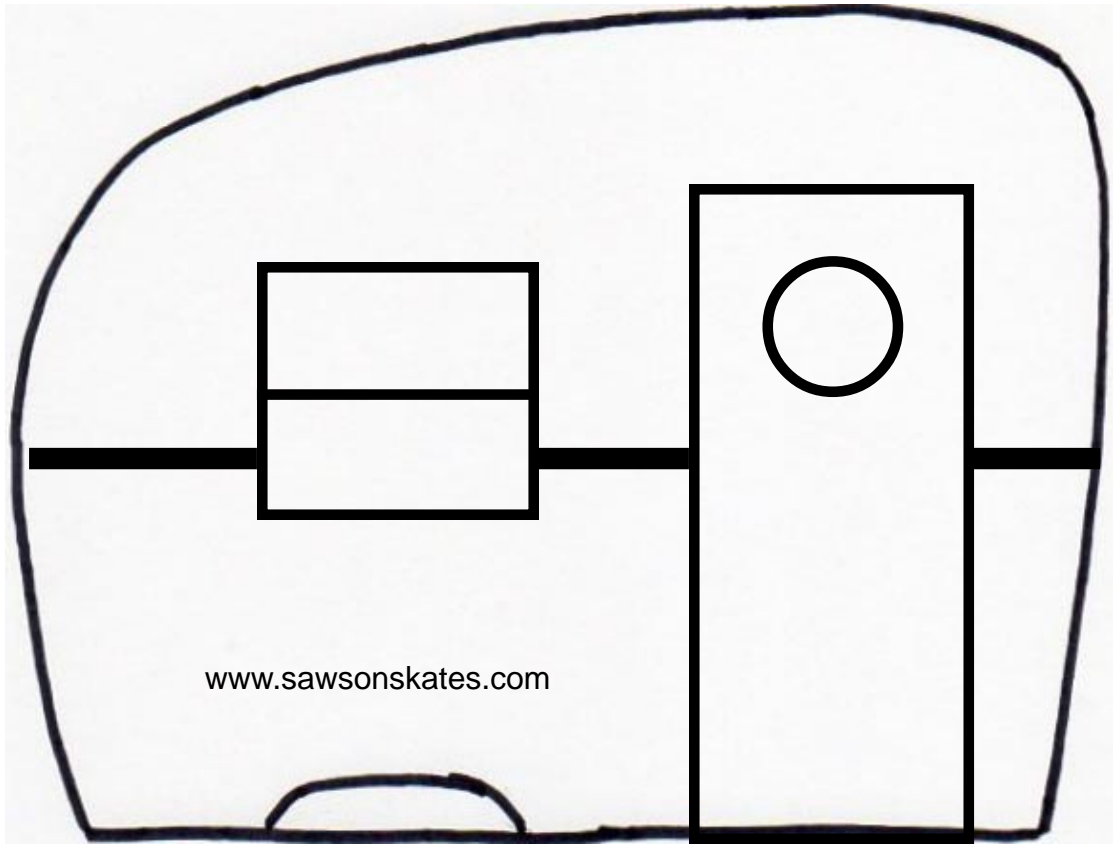


To help properly shape the tires, I temporarily installed the roofing nail and painted around it. First I painted the wheel rims the lower body color, but they blended in too much with the body. You'll notice in the final pics I repainted them ivory. Then paint the area between the wheel rim and wheel arch black.



All that's left to do is add some napkins, sit back and smile!





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