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Plywood Zoo Delights Rockin' Horse Set



Here are the three simple steps for building a member of the Plywood Zoo. The pieces are cut from a 3x4-foot piece of 1/4-inch fir plywood (left), slipped together and fastened with glue and nails (center), and then painted.



One trouble with riding elephants is that long step to the ground. This member of the Plywood Zoo eliminates that problem. It's made from a 3x4 panel.



Here's a ship of the desert who will sail right into the hearts of young owners. The camel is part of a plywood zoo that also includes a horse, elephant and lion.



Refueling stops are necessary even for those hardy souls who travel on the shoulders of lions. This attractive beast is part of a new set of easy-to-make animals.



There's still something about a rocking horse, even in this modern space age. The mount pictured here can be made from a 3x4-foot piece of fir plywood.

Full-Size Plans Are Available; Easy To Follow

Somewhere in the life of everyone, there's a time when just sitting and rockin' is unappealing. But at each end of life, there's plenty of satisfaction in this pastime. Depends on which end of life you occupy whether you prefer a rockin' chair or a rockin' horse.

For the group at the rockin' horse age, these high-style animals in this Plywood Zoo should be just the ticket. For those who scorn horses, there's a camel, an elephant and even a lion. Made from strong fir plywood, and painted in bright colors, the toys will last through a succession of youthful riders.

Easy to Make at Home

Dad or grandpa will find it will take a minimum of skill and tools to make one or more of the animals. Each one takes only one 3x4-foot piece of 1/4-inch fir plywood, glue, nails and a little paint. A saber saw will make "quickest work of the cutting, but a coping saw, jig saw or keyhole saw will do the job. All the pieces lock together and the whole project, except for finishing, can be completed in one evening.

The animals were designed by architect Philip Thiel to take advantage of the great strength of plywood, and its easy finishing qualities.

Economical As Gifts

The animals make economical gifts and are something that can't be bought in any store.

The materials are available at any lumber dealer's retail store and many dealers will cut out the pieces for you to assemble and finish, if you'd rather not do it at home.

Plans are available from the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Wash. Include 10 cents to cover the cost of postage and be sure to specify which animal you want.

Full-size patterns are available that include all the information you'll need to make a professional-looking job of any of the four animals.

All you have to do is fasten the patterns to the fir plywood, or transfer them with carbon paper, cut out the pieces and put them together according to the detailed directions.

Warm Kitchen

Wood cabinets, built-ins and wood paneled walls have the highest preference among women of the home. One of the most popular kitchen cabinet woods is west coast hemlock, which is light honey-colored and very wear resistant.

Right Roofing Laughs Off Big Winds

Severe hurricanes, such as the late, death-dealing and destructive Donna, usually leave a path of damage so wide and great that there's little room for mention in news bulletins of so-called "minor" damage to homes in the path of the big blow.

Yet these "minor" damages—things like fallen shade trees and houses stripped of roofing—often exert extreme hardships on homeowners who are victims. A wind-shattered shade tree, for example, takes years to replace. Its loss may sharply reduce the value of the property,



With ordinary roofing.

and can mean many long, uncomfortable summers if the tree shaded the house.

Roofing material can be replaced, but its loss in a windstorm may mean disaster to a home. Most windstorms are accompanied or followed by deluging rains. When roofing is torn away by high winds, these rains pour into the house, saturating plaster, getting into insulation and wiring circuits, and soaking clothing, furniture, and other possessions.

Unless a homeowner has special windstorm insurance, this kind of damage can deal his family a severe financial setback.



With wind-resistant roofing.

So-called "extended coverage" policies often fail to cover water damage.

The best insurance against roof and rain damage in a windstorm is to prevent it with a wind-resistant roof of self-sealing or interlocking asphalt shingles or by cementing down conventional shingle tabs. Low in applied cost, a wind-resistant roof can be applied by nearly any roofing contractor and is available in a wide range of colors.

Wind-resistant asphalt roofs have been known to remain securely in place after high winds have ripped entire roof assemblies away.

Rugged Roofing Has Many Roles In Construction

Asphalt roofing products are designed primarily for roofing but they have become among the most versatile building materials available today.

Chiefly, this is because asphalt is the best waterproofing agent known. Asphalt roofing products also are pliable as well as tough and long-lasting.

Here are just a few of the non-roofing uses for these asphalt products:

Asphalt roll roofing makes an attractive garden walk, and is effective as a lining for swimming pools and gutters. Farmers often use it as temporary flooring for livestock shelters, and to construct temporary grain cribs.

Asphalt-saturated felt, designed as underlayment for roofs, is used widely between sheathing and exterior siding on all kinds of structures, and is an effective ground cover in crawl spaces, keeping moisture in the ground and out of the house.

For roofing, there's an asphalt product to fit every possible need. Asphalt shingles provide color and soft-textured richness for homes. They are available in wind-resistant applications, and are fire-resistant. Asphalt roll roofing is ideal for farm buildings and many industrial structures. Built-up asphalt roofing is used for most flat-roofed structures.

Hide Rods

A wooden valance will hide ugly curtain rods. You can make a valance from clear Douglas fir 1x6 inch lumber and paint it any color desired.

Better Looking

Because they are better looking and have better insulating qualities, wood windows were preferred by homemakers almost two to one in a recent national survey.

Wise Handyman Stays Off Roof



SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD. Precarious perch of this workman applying finishing touches to a new roof of asphalt shingles shows why roofing is no job for the home handyman. It's too dangerous and requires special techniques and know-how. But roofers who apply asphalt shingles have developed skills that come with years of experience. That insure low application costs as well as cat-like sure-footedness. Properly applied by professionals, asphalt shingles do the job they are designed to do: provide a roof that will give trouble-free protection for years. Improve the appearance of the house, and add to its value on the resale market.

Adds Character

Rough sawn lumber and old brick make a warm textured finish for a family room. Western red cedar is particularly effective because of its soft red and brown coloring.

More Owners

More than 60% of all U. S. families today own their own homes. The percentage of home ownership has increased rapidly since World War II.

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