

# Wren ★ Feathers

## 18" doll snowshoes

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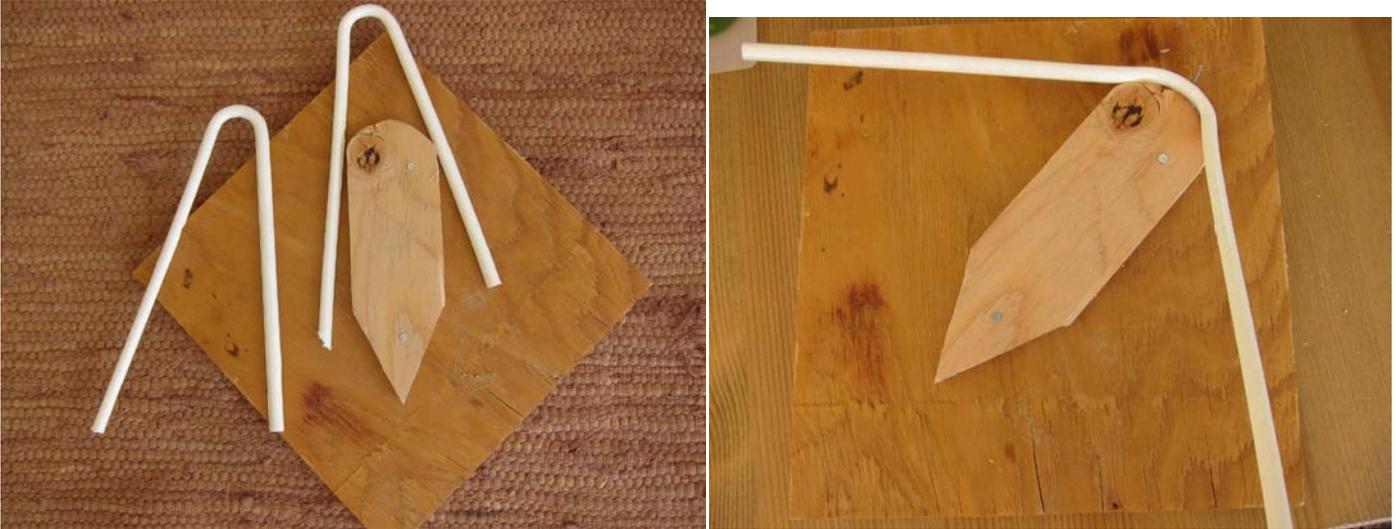
I assume you have basic crafting knowledge and the explanation should suffice, but if you need help please email me! The first part of this project is DANGEROUS! IT INVOLVES SAWS, HEAT, ETC. AND SHOULD NOT BE DONE WITH CHILDREN. You follow these instructions at your own risk! The second part (after the frames are formed) could be done with a child.

Ok crafters, haul out your: embossing gun, woodburning set, saw, plywood, hammer, nails, plastic coat hangers, clamps, fun foam or duct tape, elastic, paper fasteners...

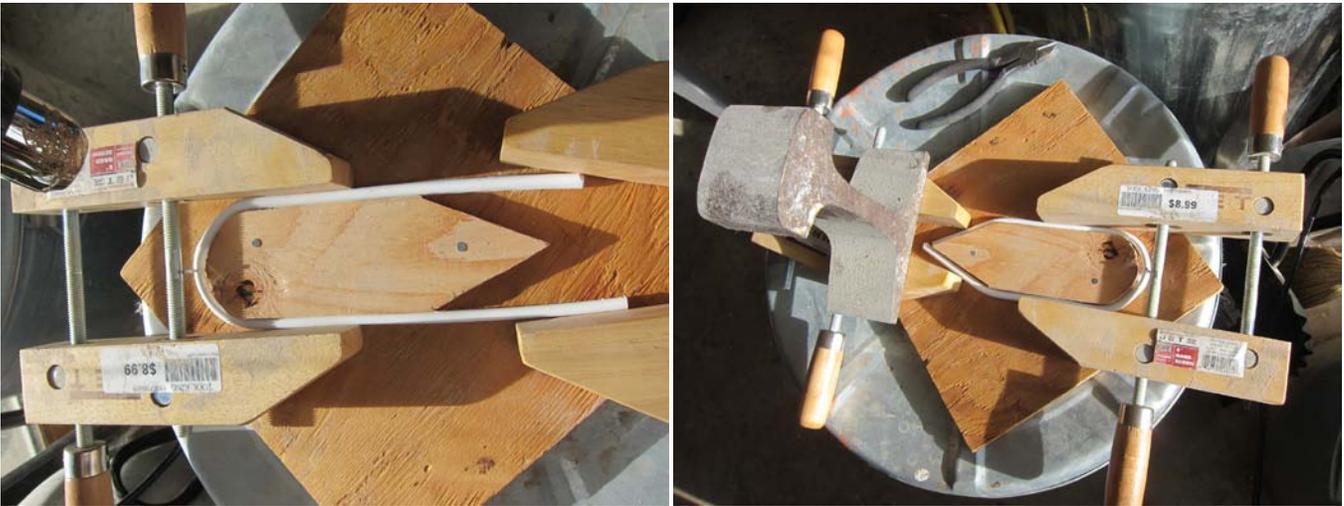


Here's what we're making! (Boot is from Target)

Plastic coat hangers will be heated and formed around a jig to make the frame.

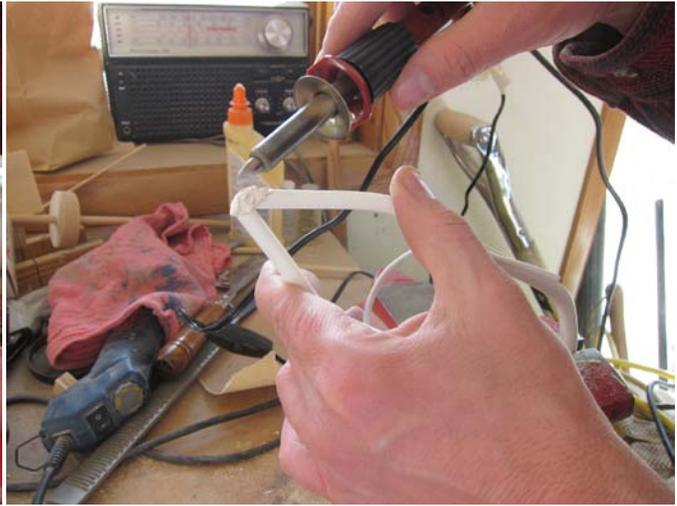


Using the inside of the pattern on the last page, cut it out of a scrap of plywood. (Yes, you can! I did it by hand with a coping saw!) Nail it to a larger scrap of plywood and cut a plastic hanger in half. I also added a nail at the top to help hold the rod in. OK, now heat up your heat/embossing gun but be careful of the temperature. I melted my first one. Also, I found some hangers bend more easily than others, so if your first one doesn't succeed, maybe try another hanger.

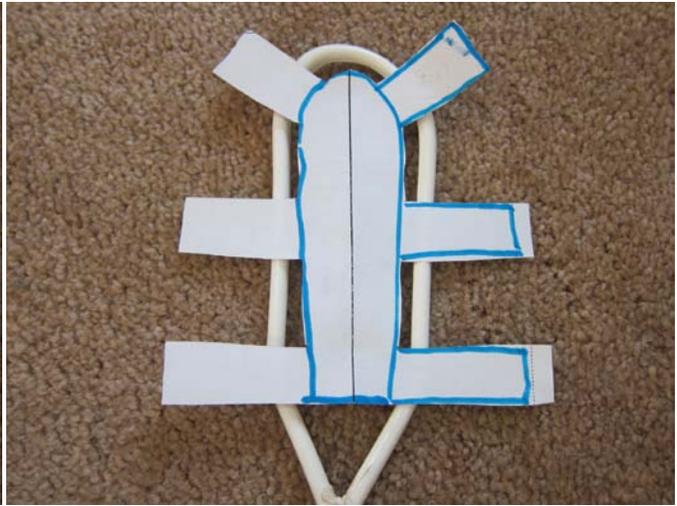
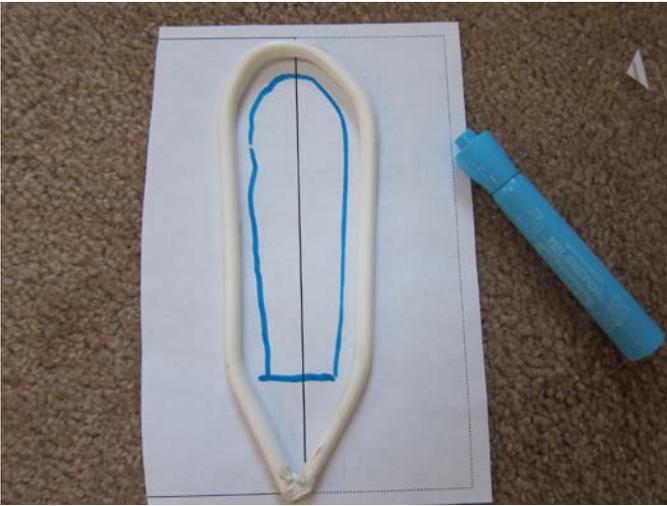


This part is best done with two people. One holds the heat gun and the other bends the hanger gently around the form. Clamp or hold in place (wearing gloves!) until cool.





Trim edges. Clamp your snowshoe frame in a vise and use a soldering/woodburning tool to melt the pieces together. Duct tape in the color of the frame would be way faster to hold them together and not as smelly.



Set your frame on paper and draw inside it about 3/8". Make tabs longer than you need coming off the edges.

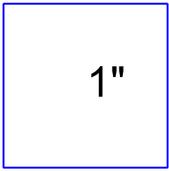


Use your pattern to cut out duct tape insides. Sadly, my house was lacking duct tape, so I used craft foam instead. Duct tape would be faster and more durable. Bend the tabs around the frame and use paper fasteners to hold the foam in place. Obviously, tape will just stick. I also cut out a hole for authenticity.

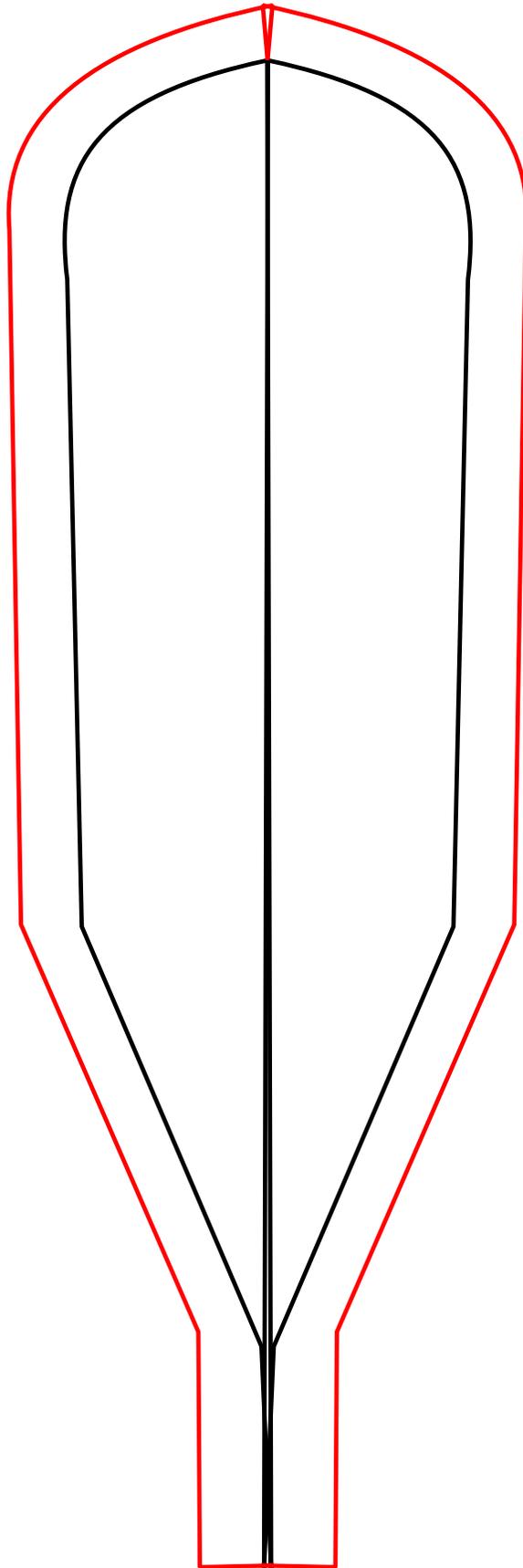


Place the boot on the snowshoe and sew elastic around it as shown to hold it on. Tack or tape the elastic at the bottom of the foam after sewing it together and sew on another piece to go behind the boot.

Need poles? Dowels with duct tape handles, elastic to hold them to her hands, and cut the little circle parts at the bottom from plastic out of your recycle bin, like the lid of a margarine tub. Nail polish remover will usually get the paint off of those.



Template for doll  
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If you're duct taping the edges together, you will want to extend the bottoms as shown in this pattern to make it easier