



Make your own Norman shield

In role playing, battles are fought with special soft role-playing weapons so it is possible to hit one another without it hurting. It is a good idea to have a shield to hide behind when the battle is in progress. There are two requirements for a role-playing shield: Firstly it should be able to withstand blows. Secondly it should have sufficiently padded edges so it doesn't damage the other weapons.

Materials

- 1 sheet of birch plywood 100 x 70 x 0.3 cm
- 1 length of pine batten 24 x 7 x 0.3 cm
- 3 m self-adhesive pipe insulation (any thickness)
- 4 screws, 60 mm in length
- 6 screws, 10 mm with a head greater than 4 mm in diameter
- 6 washers
- Duct (gaffa) tape
- Leather or heavy cloth, 30 x 15 cm
- Paint to decorate the shield

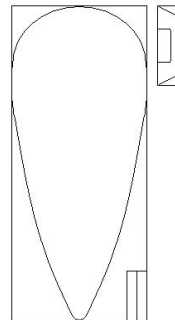
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- Saw
- Rasp – sandpaper
- Screwdriver
- Hobby knife

Here is what you do

A)

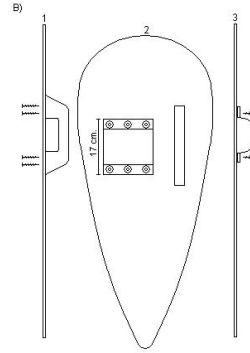
- Begin by drawing out the shield on the plywood sheet.
- Draw two pieces measuring 15 x 3 cm in the lower left corner of the plywood sheet.
- Draw out the grip on the pine batten.
- Saw out these four pieces.
- Use the rasp and the sandpaper on the grip so that it is comfortable to hold. The edges of the shield and the two small pieces should be smoothed with sandpaper.





B)

- Place the grip on the shield as shown on drawings 1 and 2.
- Attach it using the four 60 mm screws as shown on drawing 1.
- Now the carrying strap should be attached. Lay the leather or the cloth on the shield so there is 17 cm from end to end. See drawings 2 and 3.
- Place the two small pieces of wood so they cover each end, above and below.
- Attach them using the six 10 mm screws. Use washers between the screw head and the piece of wood.
- Make sure that the screws do not penetrate all the way through the shield. If they do, file the tips down to the level of the plywood.



C)

- Pad the edge of the shield so it doesn't cause injuries.
- Lay the pipe insulation around the edge. Even though it is self-adhesive, it may be necessary also to use pieces of duct tape, especially at the joins.
- Now cover the whole of the edge of the shield with duct tape.
- Take pieces of duct tape and attach it from one side of the shield, over the insulation and onto the other side of the shield so the edge become more resilient.
- Make sure the pieces of duct tape overlap each other so the pipe insulation is not visible.

