

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

A SERIES OF
PROJECTS FOR
THE BEGINNING
MINIATURE MAKER

DECEMBER 2016: TINY ICE SKATES



Materials and Supplies:

- 2- Tim Holtz Idea-ology (TH93350 Adornments) Ice Skates for Arts and Crafts, available at craft stores and Amazon.com
- 2" x 6" thin white or black leather scrap, available at craft stores, fabric stores and Amazon.com
- white or black thread to match your leather
- skateboot and tongue pattern, see below
- Tacky glue
- 2 sewing needle
- small scissors
- awl punch
- pencil
- tape
- cotton ball

Instructions:

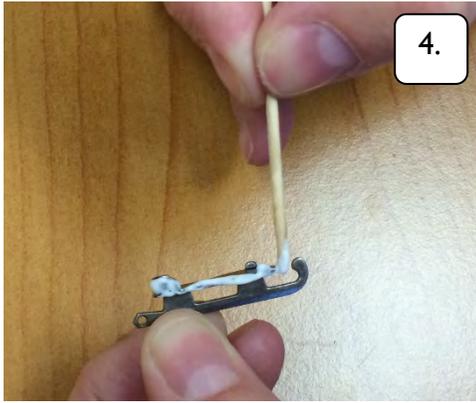
1. Fold the leather in half with the right sides together before tracing your pattern to ensure that the skateboots are a mirror image of each other when you cut them out. Trace the tongue pattern once. Trace the boot pattern twice. To keep the leather from slipping as you cut the pieces out, place a looped piece of tape in the center of your shape between the sides of leather. Cut out the tongues. Cut out the skateboots and remove the pieces of tape.
2. Using the awl, punch holes in the leather where indicated on the pattern. Punch the holes on the right side of the leather.



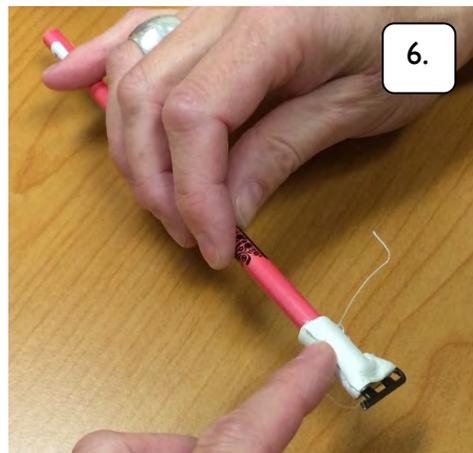
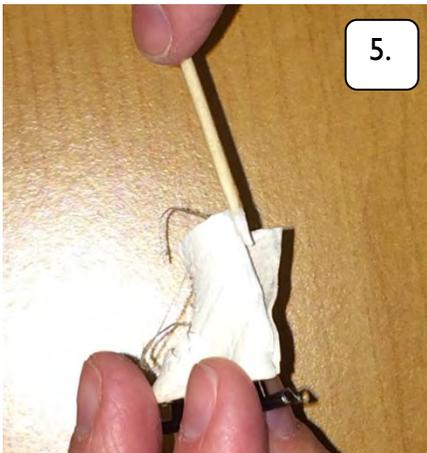
3. Now you will assemble the first skateboot. Begin by using a toothpick to apply a small amount of Tacky glue to front edge "a". Overlap the two "a" edges as pictured gluing them together. See illustrations 1 and 2. Set the first boot to dry and assemble the second boot.



4. Next, apply Tacky glue to the straight edge of the tongue. Position the tongue on the inside of one skateboot about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the the bottom to glue it in place. See illustration 3. Repeat with second skateboot and tongue.
5. Now you will lace your skates. Cut two pieces of thread approximately 18" long. Use sewing needles on each end of the thread for easy lacing and lace the skates as you would a shoe.



6. Apply Tacky glue along one half of the edge of one metal skatebase as picture in illustration 4. Beginning at the toe of the skate, gently wrapping the lower edge of the skateboot around the metal skatebase. Hold it in place until set. Next put glue along the other side of the metal skatebase and wrap the lower edge of the otherside of the skateboot from front to back. Gently tug the leather if needed so that the end overlaps at the back. Repeat with the second skateboot and skatebase.



7. Once the skateboots are secure on the metal soles you will close up the back seam of the skateboots. Use a toothpick to apply Tacky glue along one back seam. See illustration 5. Stick a pencil or small dowel inside the skateboot for support while gluing and press the edges together. See illustration 6.
8. If desired, stuff some cotton inside your skates to give the skateboots some shape. Tie the skate laces in a bow or together and trim excess thread.

Skate Boot and Tongue Pattern

