



Rick's Hobby Garage

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CUTE LITTLE WOODEN TURKEYS





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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Cute Little Wooden Turkeys is a simple little project that you can make in less than a day, especially if you have the appropriate tools.

Give it a try and get creative with the colors. You can even play around with the size and shape of the turkeys!

These cutouts are designed to be printed full size (100% scale) on 8.5"x11" paper, but you can scale them down for smaller turkeys or scale them up if you have a printer that can print on larger paper.

MATERIAL AND TOOLS LIST

Materials:

1x pine board (any size to fit cutouts)

Paints I used:

Orange Spray Paint (I used Krylon Indoor/Outdoor "Pumpkin Orange", Gloss)

Green Spray Paint (I used Krylon Indoor/Outdoor "Hunter Green", Satin)

Brown Spray Paint (I used Krylon Indoor/Outdoor "Brown Boots", Satin)

Yellow Spray Paint (I used Krylon Indoor/Outdoor "Bright Idea", Gloss)

Buttons (Your choice in size and color. I used 7/16 inch diameter black buttons.)

Scissors (Optional)

Spray Adhesive (Optional)

Printer and paper (unless if you want to freehand the design onto the wood)

Wood Glue (Something good, like TiteBond II or TiteBond III would be good)

Tools:

Band Saw or Coping Saw or Scroll Saw

Biscuit Jointer (optional, but makes the assembly stronger)

Brad Nailer or Finish Nails and Hammer (If using finish nails, I would recommend predrilling)

Sand paper



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1. CUT OUT THE TEMPLATES

Unless you are freehanding your design onto the wood, print and cut out the templates at the back of this booklet.

2. TRACE THE PATTERNS

Trace the patterns onto the wood. You have a few options here:

1. Spray the back of the templates with spray adhesive and then lightly press them onto the wood.
2. Hold the template onto the wood and then trace around the template, drawing directly on the wood.
3. Tape the template in place.
4. Using a soft leaded pencil, trace the template lines with heavy thick lines. Transfer this pattern to the wood.

There are various ways to transfer the pattern. Do what is best for you.

3a. CUT OUT THE PARTS

To make Turkey #1, you will need to cut out:

- (1) Part 'A'
- (2) Part 'B'
- (2) Part 'C'
- (1) each of Parts 'D', 'E', & 'F'

To make Turkey #2, you will need to cut out:

- (1) Part 'A'
- (2) Part 'B'
- (2) Part 'C'
- (1) Part 'G'





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3b. CUT OUT THE PARTS

Use a band saw, coping saw, or scroll saw to cut out the parts.

Make sure the straight lines are straight so that you can glue them together easier.

Be very careful when cutting the smaller parts 'E' and 'F'.

4. SAND AND CLEAN UP

Sand all the parts you cut in the previous step.

If you glued the template onto the wood, you will need to clean that up as well.

Round up all the edges a little so they aren't sharp corners. This will give them a little more depth, especially at the feathers.

When you are done sanding, dust off all the parts and make sure they are clean.

5. PAINT THE PARTS

Now the fun part! Paint them! Use what ever colors you want and have fun! Paint all edges and faces. You can use a paint brush if you want instead of spray painting.



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6. ASSEMBLE THE PARTS

You can glue everything together using a good quality glue. If you are using only glue to assemble this, I would recommend using clamps to hold everything together until the glue dries.

I like using a brad nailer because it is quick and easy, but you can use finish nails (I recommend pre-drilling first if using finish nails).

To make the feathers stronger, I used a biscuit jointer. Is it over-kill? Probably, but I know they will hold together nicely.

Make sure the bottom of the end feathers are at the bottom of the turkey body. This will allow them to support the turkey so it stands on its own. Not all the feathers will sit flush with the bottom due to the curvature the feathers make when you place them together.

7. PUT ON DISPLAY

If you are making these with 1x pine, or something similar, these turkeys should be able to stand on their own.

If you are placing these turkeys on a surface that is not flat, you may need to add a small base to the turkey or support them in another fashion.

Enjoy!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

If you have any questions or comments you would like to share, please go to www.rickshobbygarage.com. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you have and would love to hear your thoughts on these designs.

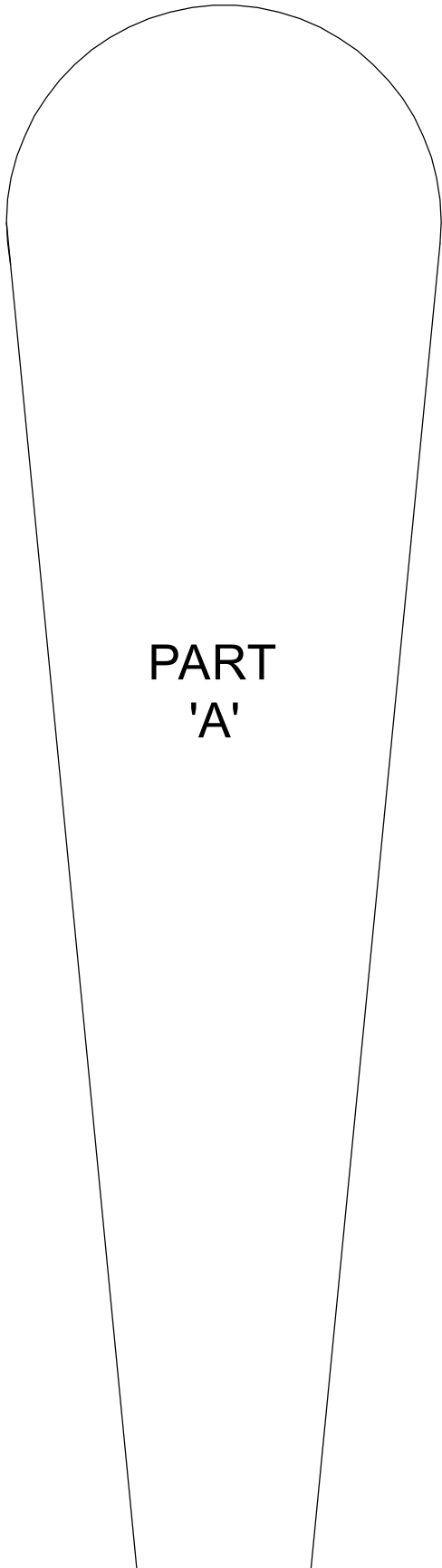
If you find any errors in these drawings or instructions, please feel free to let me know so that I can make the correction. I would like these to be easily understood for everyone.



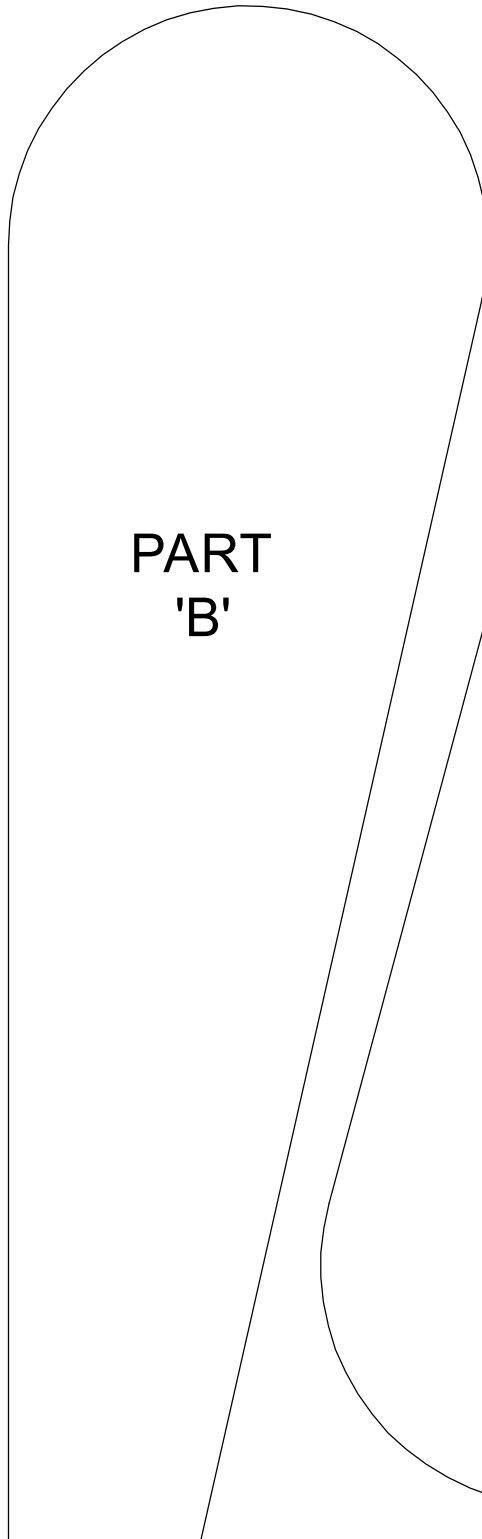
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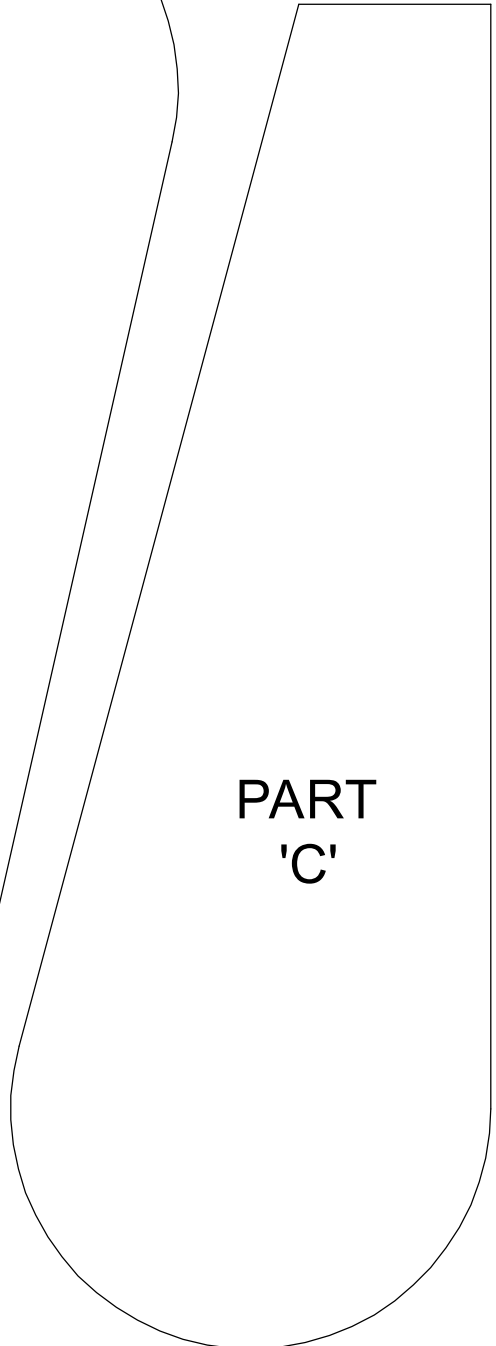
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PART
'A'



PART
'B'



PART
'C'

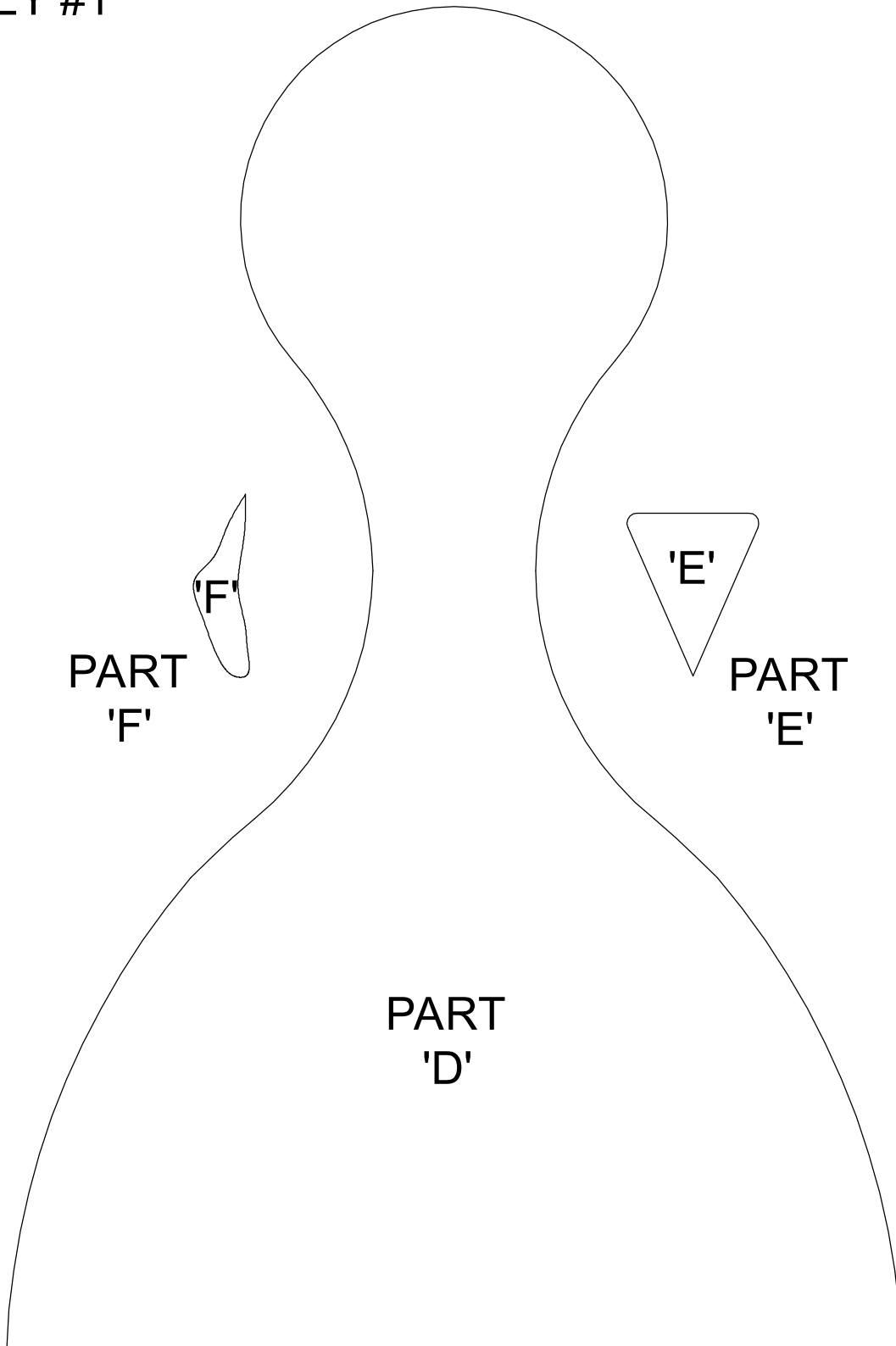


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TURKEY #1





TURKEY #2

