



Men of Iron Table Shield

A privilege for those who have advanced to the level of knighthood is the right to display their coat of arms in different ways. When a knight sets his place at a feast, he can place his arms on a knights table centerpiece for recognition during a feast or household meeting. A smaller and less expansive way to display personal arms is by using what is called a table shield. Exactly as it sounds, it is a display of the arms of a knight on a small wooden shield that is supported by a circular base.

This can also be utilized by a household if they choose not to use candles in their household set up.

Materials needed

1- 6"x1/2"x24" plank (Pine, Poplar, Oak, etc)

7"- 3/8" Dowel

Paint (color should compliment your arms)

Equipment needed

Jigsaw, band saw or scroll saw

Miter saw

Drill press or hand held drill

Router with profile bits

12" Square, speed square or metal ruler

Compass and pencil for marking the base

Measuring tape

Standard drill bits

Wood Glue

Instructions

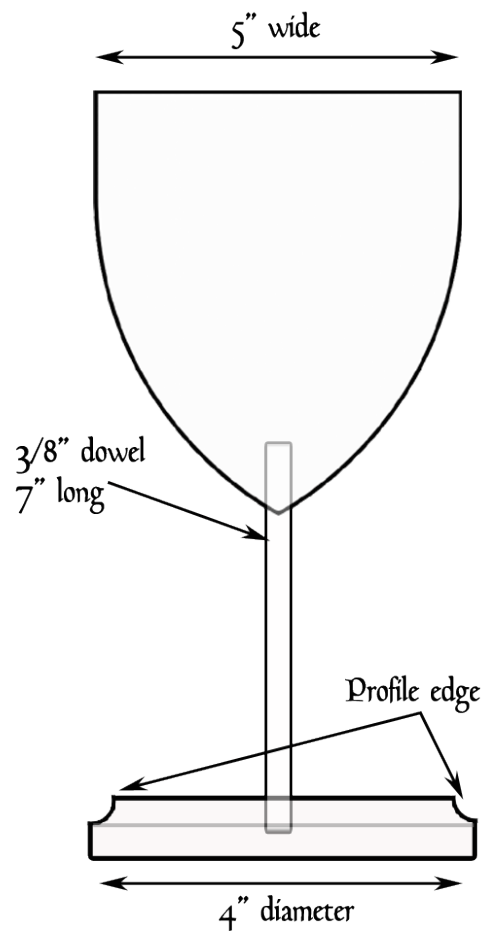
Begin by creating a circle 4" in diameter. Cut out the circle and use the router to add a profile to the edge of the base. This can be a round over, ogee, cove or chamfer.

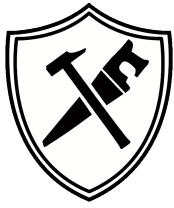
After routing the edge of the base, drill a 3/8" hole in the center of the base. Drill about 3/8" deep.

Cut the shield pattern from this instructable. Trace onto the wood and cut out. Drill a 3/8" hole in the bottom point of the shield 1/2" deep to mount the dowel to the base.

Glue the dowel in place on the base. After the glue has dried, stain or paint the base and dowel. Avoid any paint or stain on the last 1/2" of the top of the dowel rod. This will be the portion that is inserted into the shield when complete.

Paint the arms on the shield prior to mounting to the dowel and base. Complete the project by gluing the shield to the dowel.





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Table
Shield Pattern

Table Shield
Base Pattern

