



Turning Chatter



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A Butterfly Decoration for the Garden.

This garden decoration is in the form of a butterfly, traditionally a symbol of hope. It can be made from pine and 3 ply but different wood, or sheeting other than plywood could be used.

The two front wings are made from two quadrants of a 230mm (9") diameter circle of plywood. The rear two wings are quadrants from a 175mm (7") circle. (The rear wing quadrants may have to be trimmed back to about 80 degree sectors, depending on how things fit together). Obviously there are two pairs of quadrants left over, so you might as well make two 'body' pieces to use up the spare wings.

The 'body' of the butterfly is turned from a glued up blank of two 290mm lengths of 42 x 19 pine separated by packers cut from the same plywood as the wings. The plywood packing pieces measure 80 x 42 and 105 x 42. There is a 'gap' 105 long between the two packing pieces and – after turning the blank – this gap becomes the slot in the butterfly body into which the wing pieces are glued. The slot needs to start about 5mm behind the 'neck' position on the butterfly and finish about half way along the abdomen. So, mark out the job accordingly. (I put a strap of sticky tape around the waste section at the tailstock end in case pressure de-laminates the glue-up – but please yourself).

Figure 1 depicts the completed butterfly

Figure 2 shows the glued-up blank for the body with gap between packers, and prior to turning.

Figure 3 shows the layout for a pencil gauge to mark out the turning

Figure 4 shows a plywood sheet marked for cutting packing strips and the circles. (After the circles are cut out they are divided into quarters, the sharp corners can be rounded and the wings then painted before gluing into the body section).

The antennae of the butterfly can be made from two bits of whipper-snipper cord or similar, glued into the head of the butterfly. The glue used on the antennae and the wings should be weather resistant.

The finished item can be given a coat of weather-proof lacquer and mounted on a wall or a fence. Alternatively it can be mounted on piece of coat-hanger wire (or similar) with the other end of the wire fitted to a fence (or a base block, or shoved into the ground) in which case any breeze should make the butterfly appear to be hovering – or fluttering, and that's what a flutterby should do, of course.

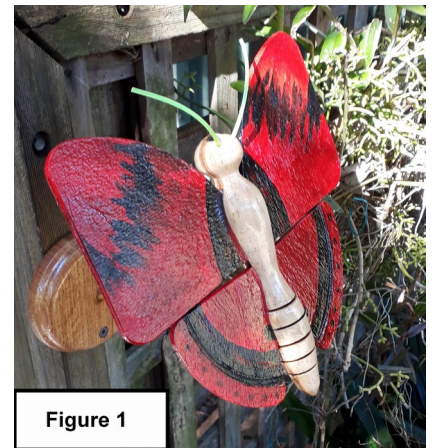


Figure 1

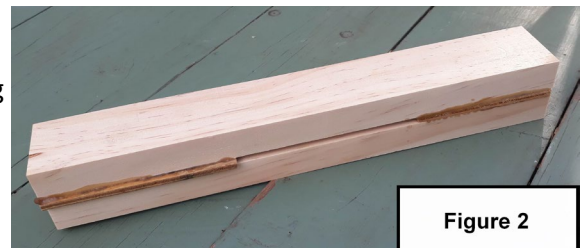


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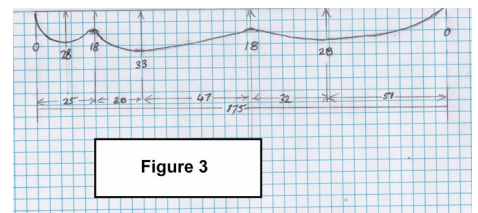


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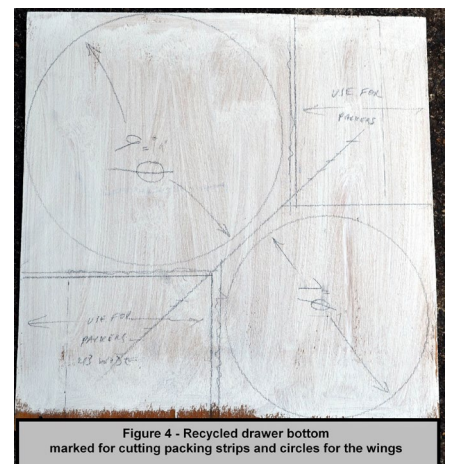
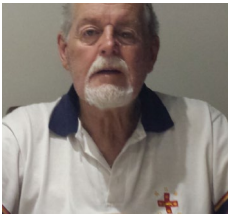


Figure 4 - Recycled drawer bottom marked for cutting packing strips and circles for the wings

Tom

Presidents Report – October 2021



Hello all members

The virus vaccinations program is going well and such we are hoping to be able to open the club probably with some restrictions due to distancing hence 11 people inside.

In my September report I said that we would have a survey style AGM. However, with the likelihood that we may be able to open in mid-October it we will try to hold the AGM asap after we open.

The Hammer band saw is due in Sydney by the end of September also Clive has the little ripper attachment for the band saw and will bring it to the club when we can get together as a club.

A reminder that all activities will be subject regulations imposed by Blue Mountains City Council.

I said in an the early days of my Presidency that I was tidying up the workshop well Two years later the workshop is still a total MESS. If you haven't achieved your goals during the epidemic don't be despondent I'm sure many other members are in the same position so have heart you're not alone.

The men's Shed have applied for a grant to put solar panels on the woodcraft centre.

Stay safe stay well and enjoy your turning.

Hoping to see you all soon.

Regards Bill



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Please contact Ernie
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times and dates of
Lessons***

***Please supply any Turning Chatter content by midnight Friday 1 week before the
1st Saturday of the next month***

Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	07/10/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	14/10/21	Open day - \$2	9:30am Onwards
Thursday	21/10/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	28/10/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards

***NOTE: All club days and meetings cancelled during Covid-19 lockdown
restrictions in Sydney's Greater West***

The next toy making day will be held