

WALKING STICK



Supplies

- 1 broom handle, fit to your height
- 1 sheet 180 grit sandpaper
- 1 sheet 100 grit sandpaper
- 1 Pint Minwax by Helmsman or shellac
- 1 foam brush to apply minwax or shellac
- 4 feet of parachute cord or thin leather strapping

Also

- Drill
- Saw
- 12" of string

Directions

1. Drill one hole through the threaded end of broom handle (you will eventually cut off the threaded end).
2. On the rounded end, drill another hole through the handle about 3-3½ inches from the top. The hole should be large enough to fit the single piece of parachute cord or leather strapping through it, This will be your handle.
3. Begin sanding the coating off of the handle. Start with the 100 grit and once you're finished with that, move to the 180 grit. Be sure to completely remove the original coating. Once complete, wipe the surface down so there is no dust or debris.
4. Thread the 12 inches of scrap string through the hole in the threaded end of your broom handle and tie an overhand knot. Find a place where the project can sit for a day or two undisturbed. Suspend from a hook or nail, with the threaded end facing up. With your foam brush begin to treat the handle, starting from the top working your way down. Be careful to make sure the coat is even that there is no dripping. Follow instructions on the back of your sealer. Wait 4 hours before applying a second coat. Apply at least two coats.
5. Once stick is completely dry, saw off the threaded end. Insert parachute cord or strapping through the remaining hole in the handle. Tie a slip knot on either side of the parachute cord or strapping.



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