

Pencil Holder - PVC Pipe, Father's Day Project

This is a simple little project that can be used to make a gift for Father's Day. Two examples are shown: a single tube and a 3-tube holder. Design them as desired with one, two or three tubes!

Materials needed:

1. 1 ½" PVC pipe. 4" if using one tube, 12" if building a 3-tube holder.
2. 1 x 4 pine/spruce/fir, 4 ½" long
3. Sticker (RA sticker, Bible verse sticker, etc.)
4. Embossing tape label maker or pre-print paper stickers for base
5. Craft glue, or silicone glue, Dymo® label maker

Before the meeting:

1. Cut 1 x 4 wood to 4 ½".
2. Sand on belt sander.

Assembly at the meeting:

1. (Optional) Stain wood base with wax shoe polish (surprisingly this does a very good job. Use the old fashioned wax, brown shoe polish in a can. You will need some white cloths for this). Of course, you may

choose to skip this step and leave the wood natural, but then the project is pretty short.

2. Glue PVC pipe(s) onto the base with craft glue or silicone (white glue is water soluble and does not bond well to PVC plastic, so it is not the best glue to use).

3. Make an embossed label for base (ex. Father's Day 2003) and stick it onto the front of the base.

Option: Have the boys use a Dymo® label maker to make a stick-on caption (ex. Father's Day 1995), but this will be pretty slow.

4. Put a sticker onto the tube (see figures). You may have a club sticker or use a Bible memory verse sticker that you can get from a local craft store. There are lots of different kinds of stickers at craft stores and on the internet. If you want this to be a Father's Day surprise, bring some brown paper bags so the boys can take theirs home without their dads seeing it.

