Thanksgiving Turkey 3 piece, Standing with Notched Tail

This Thanksgiving turkey takes considerable shop time, but gives the boys lots of experience painting and is very colorful. This project is best done in two weeks, but can be done in a week if the painting is done at the start of the meeting, then left to dry for 30 min.

Materials needed:
1. 6" - 1 x 6 pine/spruce cut to 1X pattern for tail.
2. 4" - 1 x 4 pine/spruce cut to 1X pattern for body.
3. 4" - 1 x 2 pine/spruce cut to 1X pattern for head.
4. Orange, green and brown latex paints, foam brushes, cans with water.
5. 7 mm plastic eye and craft (solvent) cement for attaching the eye.
6. White glue for attaching body parts.
7. Red and black fingernail polish for painting the comb and beak.

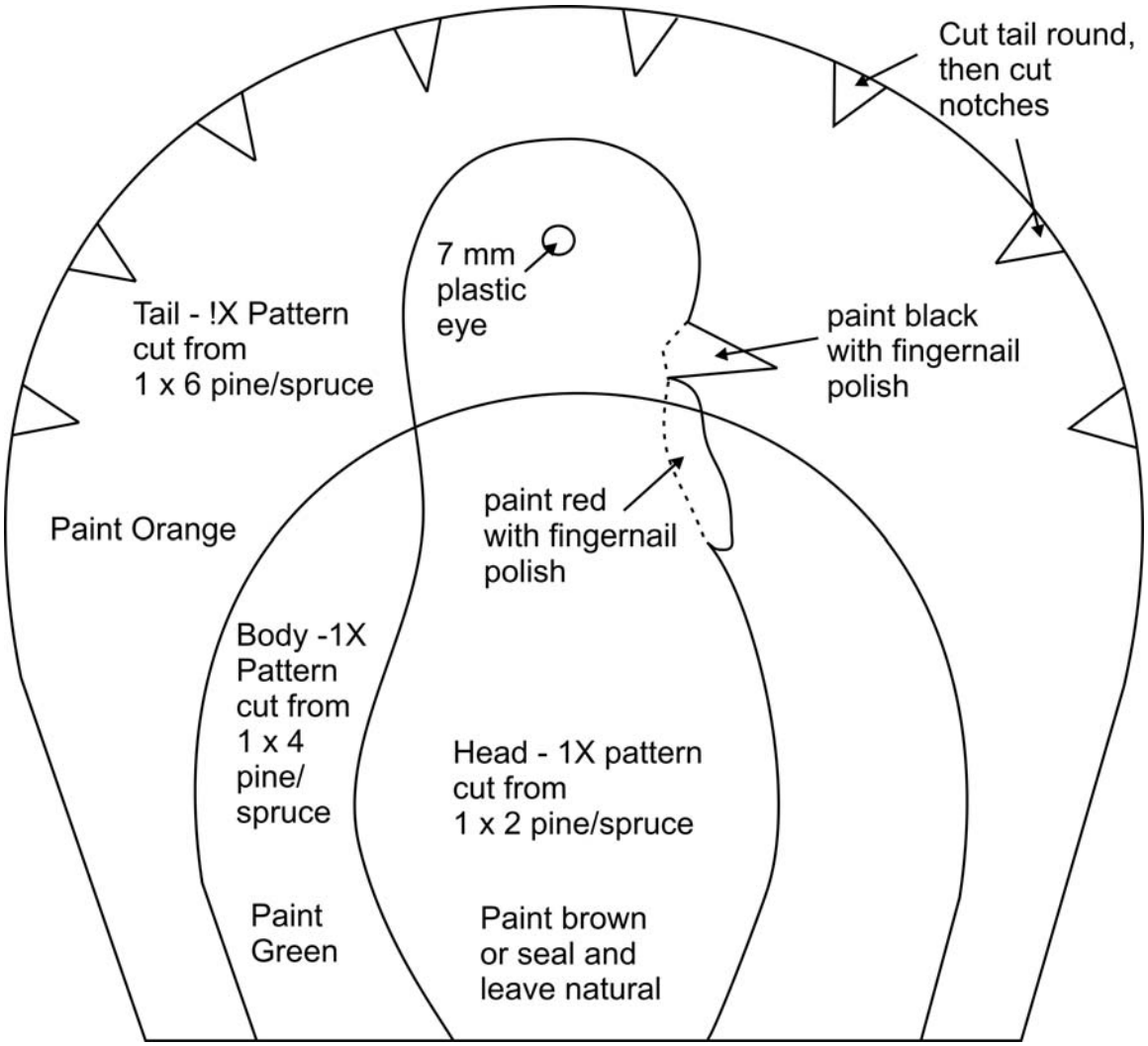
Before the Meeting
1. Cut and sand wood parts.

Assembly at the Meeting
1. Paint head brown (or leave natural and seal with urethane when project is assembled).
2. Paint tail section orange.
3. Paint body green.
4. Let parts to dry.

Next Meeting (2nd)
1. Paint beak black and comb red with fingernail polish.
2. Attach eye with craft (solvent) cement.
3. Lay tail section horizontal on a table.
3. Glue body to tail.
4. Glue head to body.

Next Meeting (3rd)

Each boy can take their project home and they can deliver the 5 extra projects to elderly people in their community. Be sure to call the elderly persons on the day of the visit so they will stay up and have the porch light on. Take the boys to get some ice cream after the delivery.


Cut tail round, then cut notches
7 mm plastic eye
Tail - !X Pattern cut from 1 x 6 pine/spruce
paint black with fingernail polish
Paint Orange
paint red with fingernail polish
Body -1X Pattern cut from 1 x 4 pine/ spruce
Head - 1X pattern cut from 1 x 2 pine/spruce
Paint Green
Paint brown or seal and leave natural