

# Shelf and Dish Towel Tutorial



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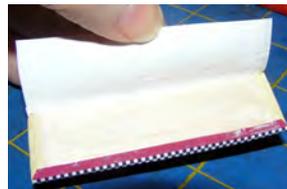
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- An acid-free glue stick
- Optional: fine tipped color pens if you want to cover white paper edges
- Needle and thread
- Small piece of 1/16" thick balsa wood (see pattern) for shelf
- BBQ skewer for towel rod
- Feel free to print these tutorial pages, however, leaving the tutorial on your screen allows you to zoom in closely on the photos.

**NOTE:** some of the products shown here may have a different printed surface from yours, but the construction and assembly is identical.

Use toothpick (or paint brush) to apply quick-grab, fast-dry craft glue. Do not use glue stick unless instructed!

## Canister Shelf:

1. Cut and fold shelf side pieces as shown. Glue blank sides together. Use a very small hole punch or blade tool to make holes where indicated for towel rod.
2. Cut away the corners where indicated.
3. Make sure your BBQ skewer fits through holes. Use the thinnest you can find or use a small craft dowel.
4. Use clear packing tape to hold pattern over balsa wood.
5. Use a blade tool to cut shelf balsa wood.
6. Take wood cover and fold at natural lines that would facilitate using it to encase the cut balsa wood. Check the fit of the wood
7. Use the paint brush cover the inside of the cover for the wood shelf. Glue cover to wood making certain the tabs are glued first and to the interior of the finished product.
8. fold sides at tab lines. Glue shelf sides by tabs to back panel as shown in photo.



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9. Turn unit over and fold back art panel at lines which line up with sides. Glue these flaps using a glue stick.



10. These flaps add strength to the shelf unit. Here is how it looks from the back



11. Take the encased shelf and use the paint brush and glue the shelf along the inside of the sides and backing. Follow the logical guides. Hold until dry.



12. Size the rod, cut and insert rod into pre-drilled holes. Do not glue rod until you have finished the towels. It is much easier to hang towels on the rod then insert rod and glue in place.



**Fringed Dish Towels:**

1. Use a straight pin to carefully pull threads from the bottom. The photo shows stopping at about a little more than 1/8".



2. Finger-fold on either long side of towel.



3. Finger-fold the towel at its center for hanging on rod.



4. Whip-stitch the side 'hems' on each towel. Make the stitches tiny on the front so as not to show.



5. Fold towel in half and tack-stitch the towels at four points, see red circles on photo. This will keep the towels flat and positioned on the towel rod.

**Pot Holders:**

1. Simple method is to fold and glue back-to-back. Glue hoop to corner. Put loops on towel rod.



Thread rod through right side of shelf. Next thread on the towels, then the pot holders. Final step is thread rod through left hole. If you plan never to remove items from rod, place a drop of glue at each end of rod.



**Tea Cozy:**

1. Right sides together and sew tiny stitches around the rooster. Leave the bottom open.
2. Stitch a hem to the bottom opening. Turn right-side out.
3. Fill with a cotton ball to make it stand on its own.



**Fitted Lid Canister (Style 1):**

1. Roll canister cylinder to edge of pattern, then glue edge.



2. Glue bottom to canister cylinder.



3. Roll lid to edge of pattern and check fit over canister cylinder. If fit is good, then glue end or roll in place.



4. Glue lid disk in place.

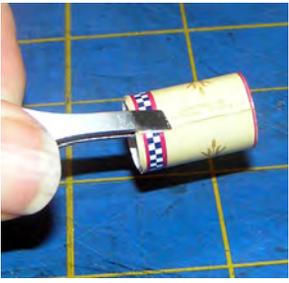
5. Glue bead in place for knob. Bbs purchased at the gun counter (I can't believe I wrote that) work well, especially when painted.



**Faux Lid Canister (Style 2):**

1. Roll canister cylinder to edge of pattern, then glue edge.

2. Glue bottom to canister cylinder.



3. Glue lid disk in place.



4. Glue painted BB in place for knob.

