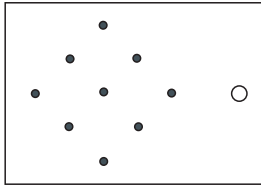
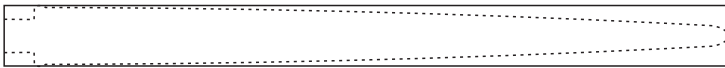


Table Top Skittles

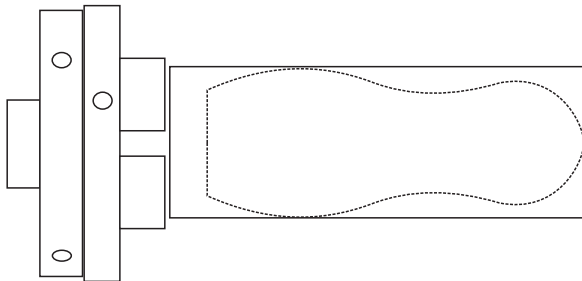
This is a toy for all ages. It is a portable bundle that can be set up and used in many situations. To play, place the board on a flat surface. Put the pole, with wrecking ball attached, into the large hole in the base board. Place the nine skittles on the nine dots on the base board. Stand back so that the pole is between you and the skittles. Take the wrecking ball and swing it to left or right of the pole so that it returns and flattens some of the skittles. Score on how many skittles are downed.



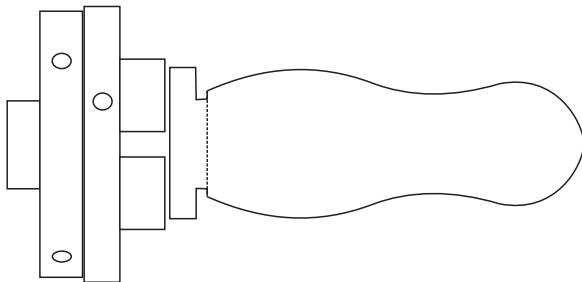
The base board should be 340 x 240 mm of heavy wood, or thick lighter wood, to ensure that it sits firmly on the table when used. On the centre line and 30mm in from the end drill a 20mm hole to about 3/4 of the way through the wood for the pole to be placed. Mark the positions of nine skittles on the board in a diamond pattern. Drill 10mm holes at these locations and then fill them with putty or a contrasting piece of wood.



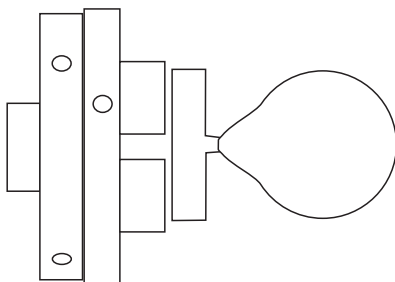
Start the pole with wood 480 x 40 x 40mm. Mount this between centres using a small Steb centre at the drive end, which then needs to be turned to the size of the large hole drilled in the base board and a slim pointed center at the tail end, this hole is for a screw later. Turn the wood to the shape shown, sand and finish.



Make 10 skittles (one to replace the first loss). Use firm to hard wood to reduce damage from the ball or when trodden on. Start with wood 110 x 40 x 40 mounted in a chuck. Don't use a tailstock as it would mark the head of the skittle, turn gently until the wood is round.



Turn the skittle to shape and start the parting cut. Sand and finish. Apply a wax if you wish. Complete the parting cut to make a slightly concave bottom for the skittle.



Make a wrecking ball. Use hard wood 60 x 40 x 40. Turn it to the shape shown. Sand and finish. Then part it off at the narrow point where a screw will go to hold the ball to a length of chain.

