



MENZSHED - TAWA -



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December 2020

Christmas approaches, if you can, please get down and support the TAWA LIONS & ROTARY Christmas Parade and party this coming Saturday. Santa and his helpers have worked hard to schedule a visit before Xmas for the children. They would love to see you all there.

**TAWA LIONS
CHRISTMAS PARADE
2020**

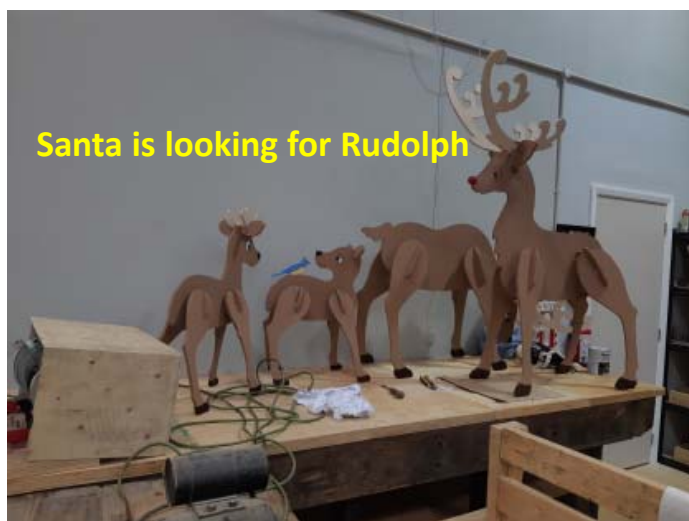
**2PM, SATURDAY
12 DECEMBER
MAIN RD, TAWA**

followed by the Tawa Rotary
Christmas Party in the Plaza!

Merry Christmas Everyone



Santas helper hard at work



Santa is looking for Rudolph

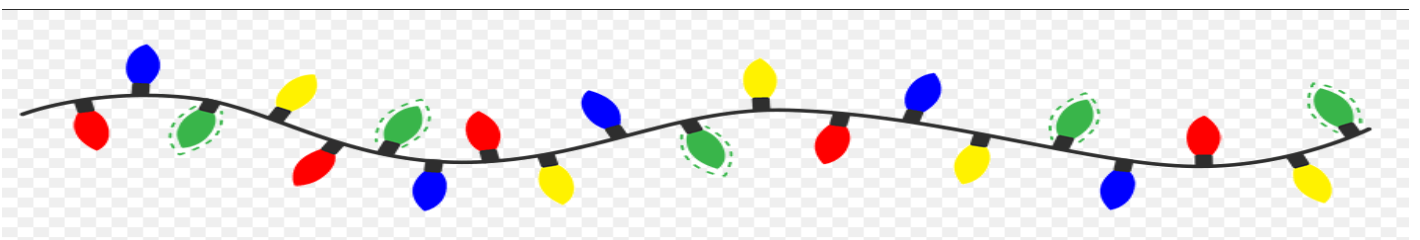




A reminder to everyone, we still have some of our items for sale, we have boxes of firewood, Bird Feeders, Garden Stakes etc., a full list is available from Jack Fry or Andre, although stocks are limited at the moment. In new year we will be stepping up to replenish our stocks and we are taking orders. These things are easy to make and always in demand. Jack and Andre are always please with some help in producing them.

Guild Woodturning Workshop

We have had the last of the four Scheduled sessions for beginners woodturning for 2020, organised by the Wellington Woodworkers Guild in the shed. By all accounts it was very successful with the probability that another one will be held next year at either of the Naenae or Tawa Menzsheds. Of the four participants three completed the Part 1 of the course, the three with their work and with Mark Wilkins the tutor.



We had a successful BBQ last Saturday as an “end of year” celebration, thank you to all those people that helped out.

These functions help to stimulate interest and dialogue, new faces always appear and so what we do at the shed gets further afield. People are always asking me what I/we do at the shed - not always an easy question to answer.



We still have a long way to go, we have to get the shed organized inside. The machine room is partway getting the “dust extraction system” installed. Proper shelving, clearing spaces to work safely, storage for our personal belongings and our personal projects. The garage we have recently been given access to has now been sorted with a space “reserved” for the Fire Service - its their shed!, also the container still needs work, again to make weatherproof, birdproof and the flooring secure. This goes on.

Of particular concern are our Earmuffs at the shed. It has been pointed out that the ones we have ready access to are **not** up to the latest protection recommended. Ours are level 4 and we should be using level 5.

We are strongly recommending and encouraging members to purchase their own earmuffs - also eye protector glasses and safety shoes/boots and we hope to get some small “lockup” system for storing them away securely.



WORKSHOP SAFETY



Fund Raiser

For the Menzshed

Preya, is organising a Fund Raiser cinema visit to The Lighthouse Cinema at Pauatahnu.

There are a range of movies to choose from. We are looking to organise this event in the new year, late March, early April. We think that the weekend (probably a Sunday PM) would be best for most people.

Further details will be announced nearer the time. This is just to gauge interest by the response to this item.

Can you please contact Preya at : preyagothai@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The last day the shed will be open before Xmas is Saturday 19th Dec 2020

The first day we'll be open in 2021 will be Saturday 16th January 2021.

7 Wood Stain Tips Every Beginner Woodworker Needs To Know

Wood staining is one of the best ways of beautifying wood or any woodworking project you have. A wood stain helps to change the color of the wood or helps to highlight the wood grain.

Even though staining wood is a good practice, there is a wrong way and there's a right way to do it. Do it right, and you'll end up with the color and effect you want.

Do it the wrong way, and you might just end up ruining the wood and your project. And one thing about wood stain is that it's not like wood paint.

You're not [painting over the wood](#). With staining, the wood absorbs the stain changing the wood color beyond the surface of the wood. The wood absorbs it like a sponge absorbs water.

So, you can't just sand off the stain. It's permanent and there's no turning back once you've stained it.

With that said, here are 10 wood staining tips you need to know if you want to stain wood the right way and achieve the best result or the result you want.

1. Wood stain is different from wood finish

You don't have to stain wood to finish your project. A wood stain is different from a wood finish. A wood finish protects the surface of the wood from scratches, spills, UV damage etc.

On the other hand, a stain does not protect the wood it's applied on. It only changes the color. Nothing more. So, even after staining any wood, you still have to apply an appropriate protective wood finish to protect the surface of your wood project from damage.

2. Stain wood if you want to highlight the wood grain

Once you're ready to finish your project, you'll have to decide whether you want to paint it or stain it. Painting hides the grain and natural color of the wood.



On the other hand, staining wood highlights the grain of the wood and does not hide it. So, if you have a project that you don't want the grain to get covered up after changing the color, then you should stain it. Painting it will hide the beautiful grains that you still want to see even after changing the color. Staining the wood will not hide the natural grains, instead it will highlight them and make them stand out.

3. Wood stain is permanent

I've mentioned this before. Unlike a wood paint which you can easily sand off, a stain penetrates the surface of the wood. So, you can't undo it.

Once you've committed to a certain stain color, that's it. You can't go back. Hence, you have to be very sure of the color before applying it on your project.

A little tip is to apply that stain on rough piece of the wood you want to stain. If you're okay with the color and result, then you can go ahead and stain the whole piece.

4. Sand the wood thoroughly before staining

Without thorough sanding of the wood, the stain will distribute unevenly throughout the wood with some part taking more stain than other part.

The stain will enhance any scratch left on the wood. So use make sure to sand the wood so that the surface is perfectly smooth.

After sanding, remove any dust from it using a vacuum, as dust can also make the stain not to distribute evenly in the wood.

5. Don't apply excess stain

Any stain left unabsorbed usually takes a lot of time to dry off. So if you don't want to wait a few days for it to get dry, always try to use the right amount of stain that can be absorbed easily.

Use a foam brush or a rag which will help you to apply just the right amount of stain while wiping off any excess stain from the surface of the wood.

If there's any excess stain left on the wood, don't wait for it to dry. Always wipe it off with a clean dry cloth, else you'll likely wait for a long time.

6. Apply a wood conditioner first

It's important to apply a conditioner first before applying the stain, especially when you're working with softwood. With softwood, the stain can end up getting unevenly distributed on the wood, even though you've sanded it thoroughly.

The solution to this is to apply a conditioner first before applying the stain. The wood conditioner will help prepare the wood surface to help the stain penetrate evenly and get your desired finish.

7. Allow the stain to dry

Don't start applying a topcoat on the wood immediately you finished applying the stain. Allow the stain to dry first, even though it takes a couple of days.

Then you can apply your top coat to finish your project. Note that, once the stain is completely dry, you can use any type of finish on it, whether it's an oil-based finish or a water-based finish.

Both will work if the stain is completely dry before you applied the finish. However, it's always better to apply an oil-base finish over an oil based stain and a water-based finish over a water-based stain. That way, you can leave little chance for mistakes.



WOODWORKING SAFETY TIPS STAY SAFE

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned woodworker you are always learning something new and different. You will use a vast array of tools to carry out your woodworking but the most important tool of all is knowledge.

1 SAFETY GEAR

This might seem like a common sense kind of rule, but it's an important one to remember. During usage of loud power tools like routers and surface planers, wearing ear protection is a noted advantage. Similarly, wear latex gloves while applying finishes.

NEVER BE WITHOUT YOUR SAFETY GLASSES. These should be the first thing you reach for when entering the shop.

3 STAY AWAY FROM BOOZE AND DRUGS

Intoxicating substances and woodworking are a dangerous mix. Stay out of the wood shop if you are even remotely under the influence of any intoxicants.

While it may seem harmless for the weekend woodworker to crack open a beer (or six) while working on a project, **avoid the temptation** until you're finished with the woodworking. You're going to be much less likely to encounter a problem if you're clean and sober when working with your power tools.

5 USE SHARP BLADES

This one seems like a no-brainer, but a **dull cutting tool is a dangerous tool.** If a saw blade is not as sharp as it ideally should be, the tool and the woodworker will have to work harder to complete the desired task. In such cases, the tool will be more likely to kick-back or bind. Besides, a sharper cutting tool will produce a cleaner cut, so there are more than just safety advantages here. Keep the blade sharp and clean of pitch, and you'll be safer and have better results.



2 WEAR THE RIGHT CLOTHES

The problem with wearing baggy or loose clothes is the very high chance that a part of them might get caught in a cutting head or saw blade. As a result, try to **always wear clothes that you are a better match for the woodworking environment,** but also protect you. Also always ensure that any dangling jewellery or metal such as chains or bracelets, are removed before commencing work.

4 DISCONNECT POWER

Always remember to **disconnect the power source itself before changing blades** or bits on your power tools. In addition to ensuring the switch is off, make sure there is no electricity being powered to the tool, since the switch can malfunction and/or accidentally get turned on.

6 DON'T REACH OVER

Always **wait until a spinning blade has stopped** moving before reaching to remove waste or cut-offs etc. Or to be on the extremely safe side, remove waste by using a push stick or piece of scrap so as to ensure an inadvertent power tool switch malfunction, doesn't turn deadly.

Sources
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Employment Standards determined a small woodworking shop owner was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well, there's Jake my finisher who's been with me for 3 years, I pay him \$900 a week.

The apprentice Tom has been here for 6 months, and I pay him \$500 a week.

Then there's the half-wit that works here about 18 hours a day. He makes \$10 a week and I buy him a case of beer every Friday," replied the owner.



"That's the guy I want to talk to; the half-wit," says the agent."

The owner says, "That would be me."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

MENZSHED TAWA DAY SUPERVISORS' ROSTER

December 2020 – January 2021

Tuesday, 1 December
Thursday, 3 December
Saturday, 5 December
Tuesday, 8 December
Thursday, 10 December
Saturday, 12 December
Tuesday, 15 December
Thursday, 17 December
Saturday, 19 December

John Melville
André Lategan
Max George
Nick Crocker
Bryan Hawkins
Stuart Lavin
Jack Fry
André Lategan
John Gibson

Shed operations Closed for Christmas – New Year break

Saturday, 16 January
Tuesday, 19 January
Thursday, 21 January
Saturday, 23 January
Tuesday, 26 January
Thursday, 28 January
Saturday, 30 January
Tuesday, 2 February
Thursday, 4 February
Saturday, 6 February
Tuesday, 9 February
Thursday, 11 February
Saturday, 13 February
Tuesday, 16 February
Thursday, 18 February
Saturday, 20 February
Tuesday, 23 February
Thursday, 25 February
Saturday, 27 February

Max George
John Melville
Ian Harris
John Gibson
Jack Fry
Bryan Hawkins
Ben and Preya (Induction day)
John Melville
André Lategan

Shed operations Closed for Waitangi Day

Nick Crocker
Jack Fry
John Holloway
John Melville
André Lategan
Stuart Lavin
Jack Fry
Ian Harris
John Holloway

NOTES:

Shed Supervisor Volunteers so far are:

Gary Beecroft, David Bray, Jack Fry, Max George, Ian Harris, André Lategan, John Melville, Bryan Hawkins, John Holloway, Richard Herbert, Stuart Lavin, Ben, Preya.

If you cannot make your allocated day, please contact the persons rostered for the next couple of meetings to arrange a swap.

- Ben, Preya, David, Stuart, John Holloway and John Gibson can only do Saturdays
- Max prefers 1st Saturday.
- Nick prefers Tuesdays
- Bryan prefers Thursdays
- Gary cannot do Tuesdays
- John Holloway cannot do Thursdays
- Jack cannot do Saturdays