How to make a Viking axe

Have you ever wondered what it was like in Viking battles? Like what weapons they used. A Viking axe was a common tool used in the Viking times.

You will need:

6 Yellow straws;

1 Red Straw (optional);

Masking Tape;

Pritt Stick.

Grey and black wool;

Double sided tape;

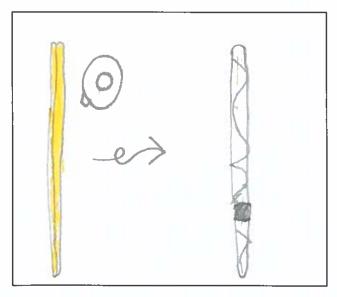
Pencil;

Scissors;

2 sheets of card;

Step 1

Carefully cut the 6 straws to about 30 centimetres/12 inches. Bind all the straws together in a tight circle with masking tape, all the way down to the bottom. About 9cm up, add more masking tape only to that little section to create a small hill to show where the handle of the axe will be.

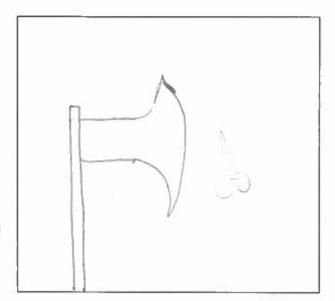


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Step 2

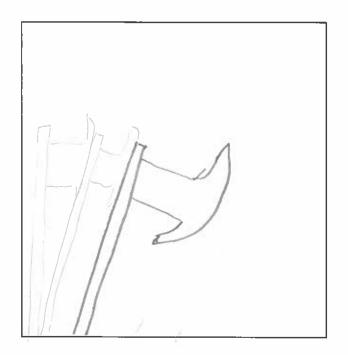
Lightly sketch out the head of the axe.
This will have 8cm of a rectangle then a little hook on the top and a larger one on the bottom. Connect the two sides together with a rounded line.

Cautiously cut out the shape and trace it round to make another one of the same size. Cut it out and line them both up against each other to snip of any unwanted parts.



Step 3

Glue the 2 sides together with a pritt stick and 1cm away from the top add masking tape to stick the shape onto the base of your axe. Make sure the larger hook is facing the floor and the littler one is on the top. Keep adding masking tape until it is stable enough and definitely will not fall off if you shake it about.

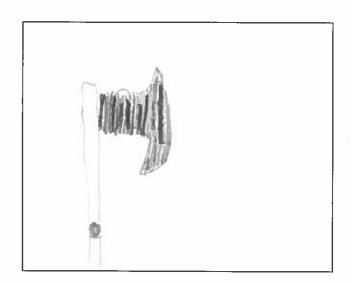


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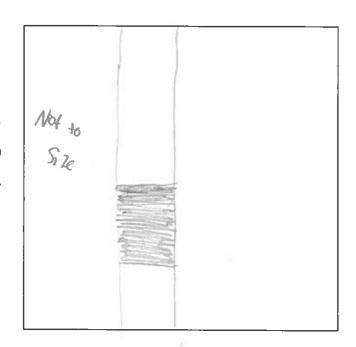
Step 4

Next get 2 pieces of 3 metre long grey string and 1 piece of black string which is also 3 metres. Tie a double knot at the top and braid the string down. You may need more than 3 metres. Stick double sided tape on the axe, ready to add on the string. Slowly circle the string around the head of the axe until it looks grey with hints of black.



Step 5

Now get some grey string and tightly wrap it around the handle hill to show you where to hold your axe. This does not have to be braided. Vastly stick the masking tape all over the base again so you cannot see the straws underneath. Do not add tape over the string. If you want, slice up the centre of the red straw and then cut it up into 1cm pieces. After that, stick them onto the side of your axe.



And that is how to make a Viking axe. Good luck!