



Paint Drying Rack for Jigs and Poppers

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A simple drying rack made out of balsa wood will greatly aid in your attempts to produce quality painted jigs and poppers. Many jigs and poppers can be dried simultaneously. It allows painted jigs and poppers to dry in a horizontal rather than vertical position (eliminates deformed jig heads due to paint dripping of the end of the jig). The rack can be easily placed and removed from an oven during the paint curing process. Finally with a simple modification, it can also be used to paint bullet type slip sinkers used with plastic worms.

Materials: Approximately 4 feet of balsa wood (1/4" thick and 2" wide)
 liquid wood glue
 dozen or so small brads
 large shallow baking pan (optional)

Note: balsa wood is available for most craft stores. The shallow baking pan is used as a platform for the rack to catch paint spills and/or drips.

Tools: fine-toothed saw
 ruler or tape measure
 hammer

Procedure: Cut five pieces of balsa wood. Two pieces should be approximately the length of inside distance of the longest side of the baking pan you have chosen. The other three pieces should measure the inside width of the baking pan minus another 1/2".

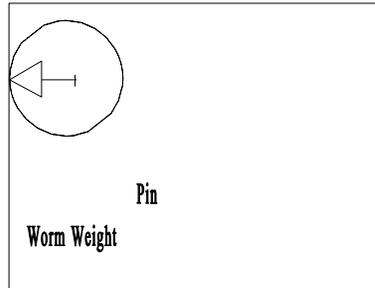
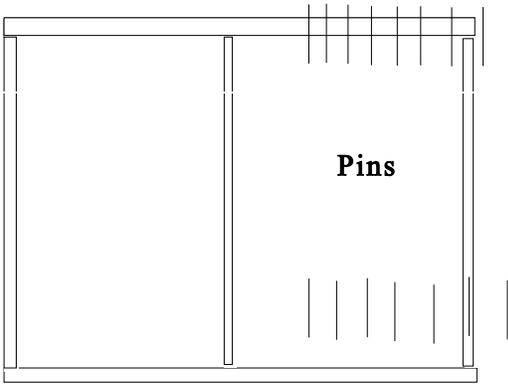
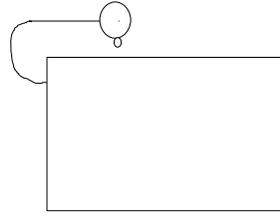
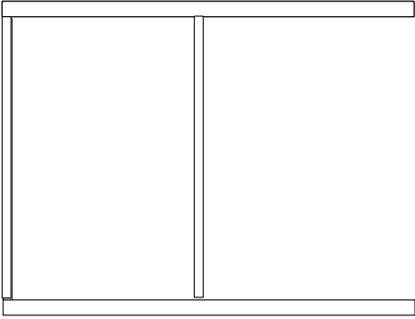
Construct the rack by driving three brads into each joint area of the rack. You can push the brads into the balsa wood with the ball of your finger or thumb and finish driving the brads with a small hammer. Before nailing the joint tight, place a little wood glue along it.

Modification for Painting Slip Sinkers (worm weights):

Obtain some "garden" variety pins. Thread the worm weight on to the pin with the narrow end of the weight pointing away from the pin top. Insert the pin horizontally into the balsa wood about 2" below the inside top of the rack. Repeat for as many weights as you want to paint.

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Safety Considerations: Do not use the drying rack in the oven above temperatures of 300 degrees Fahrenheit or it will catch fire.



Drying Rack



Baking Pan