

THE JIM-DANDY CUSTOM-MADE MAHL STICK

★ MATERIALS NEEDED:

1/4" DIAMETER RUBBER BALL
(FROM A VARIETY STORE
JACKS GAME SET)

48" LONG X 5/8" WOOD DOWEL

18" OF FINE STAINLESS STEEL WIRE

LEFTOVERS - YOU CAN
PLAY JACKS WHILE
WAITING FOR YOUR MUSE

5" X 5" SQUARE
OF REAL CHAMOIS
CLOTH - USE EXTRA
LEFTOVER 2 FOOT
SQUARE TO WASH
YOUR CAR OR FOR
CHARCOAL DRAWING

STEP 2.

PUT SOME GLUE IN HOLE - SLIP
BALL ONTO DOWEL - FROM BASE
OF BALL CUT A GROOVE 1/16"
DEEP BY 1/4" LONG ON
DOWEL

STEP 1.

DRILL OR CUT A
3/4" DEEP BY 5/8" HOLE
IN CENTER OF BALL

STEP 3.

WET 5" SQUARE OF CHAMOIS -
STRETCH TIGHT OVER BALL -
WRAP AROUND DOWEL

STEP 4.

WHIP WIRE AROUND CHAMOIS OVER GROOVE
KEEP TIGHT USING NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS -
END 1/4" OF WHIPPING SNUG AGAINST BALL

STEP 5.

USE SHARP RAZOR KNIFE TO TRIM EXCESS
CHAMOIS TO WITHIN 1/16" OF WHIPPING
WHEN DRY IT SHRINKS SNUG - STAYS SOFT

ET VOILA! IT IS DONE.

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