

Wand-Making

For the Discerning Witch or Wizard

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Needed Materials & Tools:

- ❖ Stick/wooden dowel/chopstick
- ❖ Pen/pencil
- ❖ Sandpaper (rough, medium, fine)
- ❖ Knife
- ❖ Wood varnish (satin finish)
- ❖ Paintbrush

Optional Materials & Tools:

- ❖ Saw or serrated blade
- ❖ Clamp
- ❖ Pencil sharpener
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Paints
- ❖ Wood-burning tool
- ❖ Heat mat
- ❖ Rotary tool
- ❖ Wood stain

The Basics

Step 1: Find a stick, chopstick, or wooden dowel



Step 2: (Optional) Cut to size and remove unwanted offshoots using a saw or serrated blade. A clamp makes sawing safer and easier



Step 3: Remove bark (unnecessary with a wooden dowel or chopstick)



Step 4: Sand down rough and sharp edges (unnecessary with a wooden dowel or chopstick), and round off the ends. The larger hole in a pencil sharpener is particularly good at this



Decoration Option 1: Engraving, etching or burning a handle

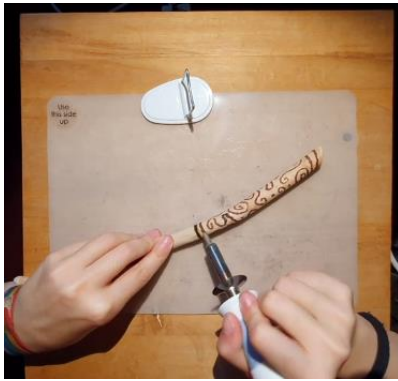
Step 1: Hold it like you would a wand and mark off where the handle needs to end



Step 2: Draw a design for the handle (use a pencil if you're not sure what you want)



Step 3: Make the pattern permanent using a knife, wood-burning tool, or rotary tool. If using a wood-burning tool, make sure to use a heat mat to protect your work surface



Step 4: Varnish. You can use a wood stain for colour, or go with a clear varnish as in the example below. You can also paint it at this stage, but remember to varnish after painting



Decoration option 2: The hot glue handle

Step 1: Hold it like you would a wand and mark off where the handle needs to end



Step 2: Apply hot glue to make the handle. Reheat and reshape as desired



Step 3: Paint and varnish



Decoration Option 3: No handle

Step 1: Etch, burn, or glue a design along the entire wand



Step 2: Paint (optional) and varnish



Decoration Option 4: Natural decoration

Step 1: Sand rough edges and apply varnish



Enjoy, and happy wand-making!

