

Guillotine

I finally got my guillotine built. Well most of it. It still needs a pulley at the top and some rope. It also needs stained, but I have the basic part of it done. Its a little over 9 feet tall by about 6 feet long. The platform for the "victim" is 6 feet by 22 inches. The basic framework is made of 2X4s. The decking on the platform is made up of 1X8s.



This is the stock end. It's made of 2 2X8s. There is a hinge on the left side of the stock. The chain on the right is nailed on with 1 big spike. The chain loops up on to another big spike on the right side. The chain has some slack in it so it hooks up on the top of stock pretty easy. The 2 upright pieces on the front of the stock are just nailed to the top of the stock. They're there mainly for appearance. I might put some metal loops on there later for them to slide down into.



Here's a side view showing the hinge. You can also see the track for the blade. The blade track is 3/4" wide. The blade is made out of 1/4" AC plywood that has been painted with chrome color paint. It moves fairly easy in the track. I cut the whole in the stock with a saber saw.



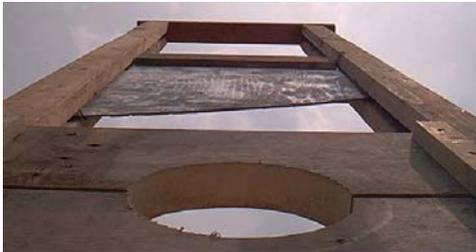
The guillotine blade tracks are made from 2 2X4s nailed face to face with a strip of 1X2 lumber at on edge between them. This gives you the 3/4" gap for the blade to run up and down in.



The blade has 2 1X4s screwed together on either side of the blade. They are about 1/2" from shorter than the width of the blade track to keep it from binding.

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Here a few different views of the guillotine platform. And a view of the blade in the track above the stock. The platform is really just a short, long narrow table. The table is really basic in construction. The side supports for the blade track are 2X4s nailed to a 6 foot piece of 2X4 that sits on the ground and is nailed to behind the blade tracks. A piece of 2X4 is nailed on top the blade tracks. This is where the pulley eventually will go.



Here is the pulley and the rope. The pulley is attached to a 4" eyebolt that will be fastened to the top 2X4 of the guillotine

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This is the whole thing in one picture. Still need some stain, the pulley, and rope. And some blood on the blade. Maybe a decapitated dummy with a severed head in a basket...

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