

SANTA BIRDHOUSE DIRECTIONS

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Cut out the pattern pieces using 1/16" bass wood (or any other wood you prefer).

Drill hole as shown on front piece and beard.

Add the extra decorative outline on the beard, hatband, and mustache. I used a small round bit on a flexible shaft, but it could also be painted later.

Miter the edges of the bottom slightly (apx 1/16") towards the center of the inside.

Glue the house together with the sides inside the front and back. The miter will help the angle of the sides as well as the front and back.

Paint the house red on all sides one inch up from bottom.

On the front, paint 3/8" above red, pink or flesh color.

Paint the rest of the front, and the rest of the other three sides, green.

Paint the beard, mustache, and hatband white. Add a darker color to decorative outline or just scrape out the white paint with a toothpick to expose the wood.

Cut a piece of 3/16" dowel 1/4" long and round one end for nose. Paint face color.

Cut a piece of 1/4" dowel 1/4" long and round one end for top of hat. (You can use a square piece of wood and just round it a bit).

Glue on beard with holes lined up. Glue on mustache on top of beard.

Glue nose in space at top of beard and mustache.

Glue on hatband.

Glue on two black glass beads for eyes. You may want to make a partial hole so the beads don't stick up too high. (You can also paint the eyes and berries instead).

Cut two green leaves out of paper. Glue above the hatband with three red glass beads for berries.

Paint a light red wash on cheeks and end of nose.

Sand a little here and there to "weather".

Now wait for a bird to move in!!!!