

Make Your Own Lucet Tool



A lucet fork should be sturdy. It is therefore not advisable to make one out of cardboard or poster board material. If you happen to have a Dremel with a router bit, a band or scroll saw or happen to know somebody who has those tools, a good way to make a lucet fork is to use 3 mm or 5 mm thick plywood. The lucet tool described below was crafted using a dremel with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " router bit. A band or scroll saw will likely do a more accurate job. Here is what else is needed:



You Need:

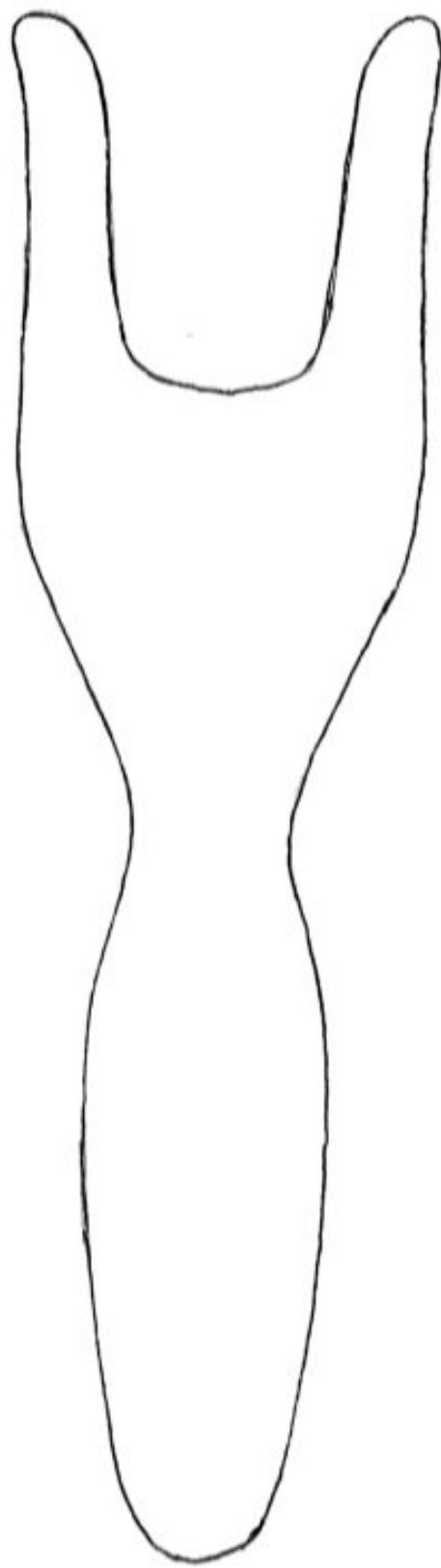
- 3 or 5 mm thick plywood about 8x4 inches big or bigger (if you want to make multiple lucets)
- A Dremel with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " router bit or a band or scroll saw
- A drill with a 5/16" drill bit or bigger
- Sanding paper or files in two different grits: 80 or 100 grit and 200 grit sandpaper
- A pencil
- A printer to print out the pattern
- Woodworking or garden gloves
- Safety glasses
- Woodworking clamps

To avoid splinters in your hands, it is advisable to wear woodworking or garden gloves. To protect your eyes, it is advisable to wear safety glasses.

Step 1: Drafting the Pattern

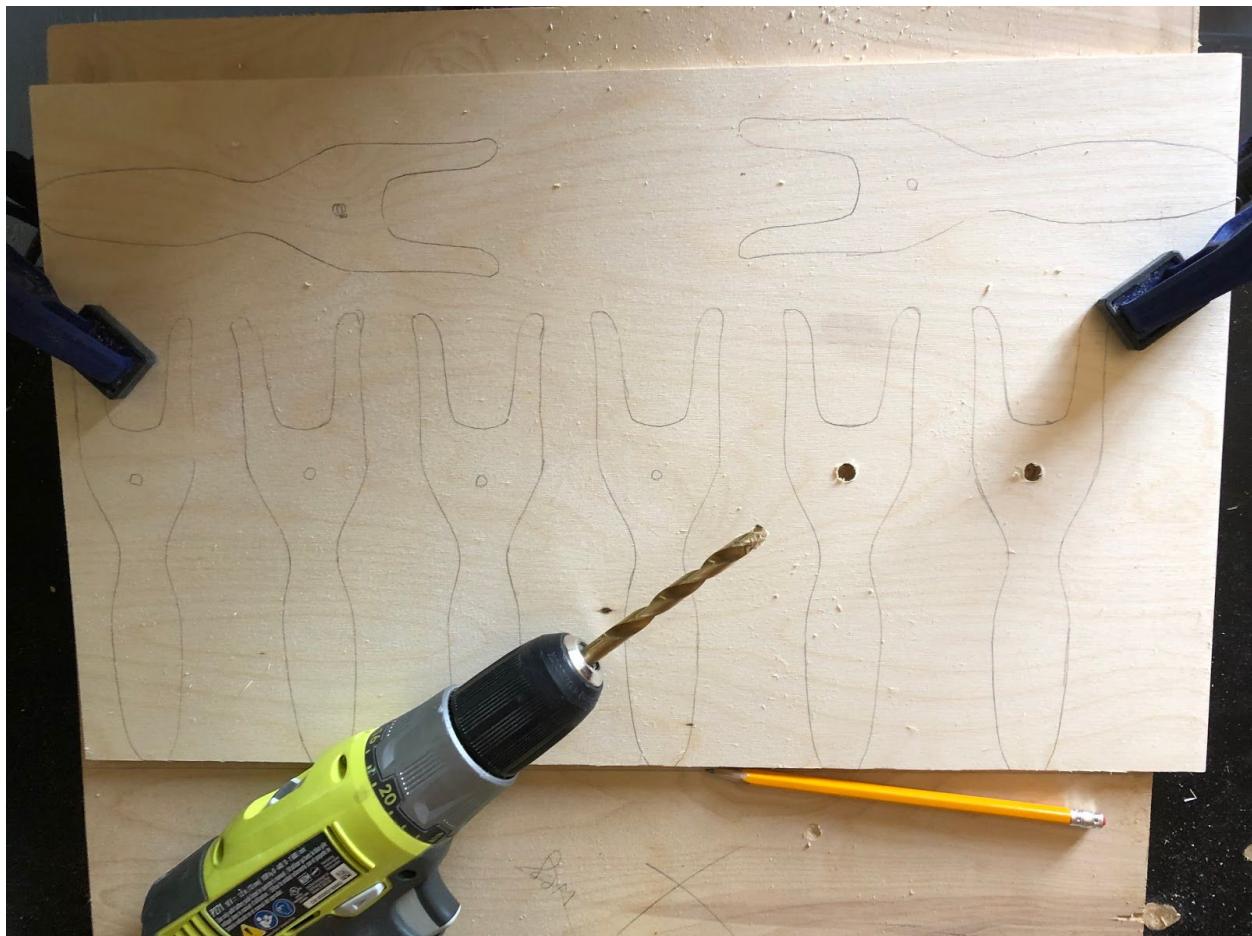
Print out the page 3. Cut out the pattern for the lucet and draft it onto the plywood. You can make the ends of the fork up to $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer and a bit more curved to the outside if you want. The yarn is then less likely to fall off but it might be a bit harder to braid. It is not really necessary to mark the place for the hole with a pencil but it can't hurt either. Draft the pattern so that the handle ends with the plywood. This end is your start and finishing point when cutting (at least if you use the Dremel).





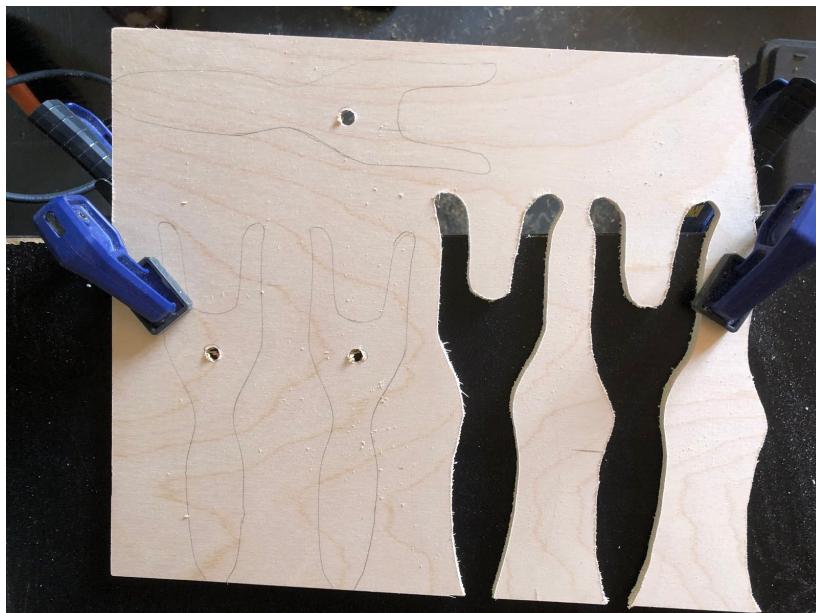
Step 2: Drilling the Hole

Clamp the plywood to an old wooden board and drill a hole in the center using a 5/16" drill bit or bigger. Wear safety glasses. If you make more than one lucet while you are at it - see picture below -, a lucet tool makes for a good present.



Step 3: Cutting

Clamp the plywood to your work table so that the part you are cutting out hangs over the table. Cut out the pattern using a saw or the Dremel with an $\frac{1}{8}$ " router bit. Wear safety glasses. Start and finish cutting at the edge where you drafted the handle of the lucet.



The lucets in the picture above were cut out with a Dremel with an $\frac{1}{8}$ " router bit.





Step 4: Sanding

The cut out edges are rough and should be handled with garden or woodworking gloves to avoid splinters. Smooth the edges with sanding paper and/or files. The rough edges can be smoothed out with a file or 80 to 100 grit sandpaper. To finish the edges use 200 grit sandpaper. Roll some sandpaper to a thin tube and stick through the hole in order to smooth out the inner edges of the drilled hole.



