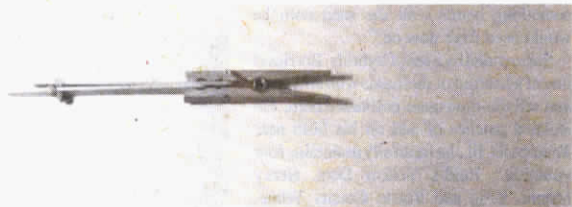


BUILD THEM YOURSELF

“Shop Jokes” Poke Good Natured Fun

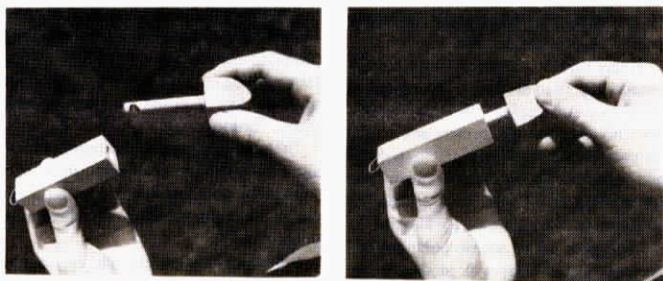
Here's a collection of tongue-in-cheek “joke” gift and gag projects you can build yourself to poke good-natured fun at friends, relatives or neighbors. Project names are flexible. They can be ethnic, such as Swedish, German, Polish or Italian. Or, if you don't like the idea of poking fun at another person's heritage, they can be given state or city names—such as a “San Francisco Switchblade”, a “Wisconsin Whippersnapper”, or a “Colorado Calculator”.



SWEDISH SWITCHBLADE: If you know someone about to embark on a long trip, this handy “self-defense weapon” makes a great “Bon Voyage” gift. You can make one in a matter of minutes with a spring-type clothes pin, two ice-cream bar sticks (or wooden tongue depressors), and a rubber band. Depress the “loaded” clothes pin and the stick “blade” suddenly swings out—just like the real thing. Glue the end of one stick to the upper or lower jaw of the clothes pin.



RUSSIAN FLASHLIGHT: It's portable and affordable. Requires no batteries. Provides heat as well as light. Never needs recharging—just insert a new “element” each time you use it.



Danish Whippersnapper: You show this little gem to your friends and ask them to put the notched dowel in the base, catch the rubber band, and pull it out so it snaps. You demonstrate how it snaps. They try and, of course, can't do it.

The secret: There's really no rubber band inside to catch. The snapping is done by squeezing the round-shaped end with your thumb and forefinger so it snaps forward. It's made from a piece of 3/4 in. square pine about 4 in. long and has two sections: 1. The block section has a 5/16 in. hole through it, with a short rubber band loop held in place by a 1/4 in. dowel plug at one end. 2. The round-shaped end has a 1/4 in. dowel glued into it, complete with phoney notch. Make sure the shaped end is smooth enough so you can make a realistic snap with your fingers. Some people will try for a half-hour to catch the rubber band that doesn't exist inside.



NORWEGIAN BIRD HOUSE: Space-saving structure allows birds to enter from both sides; never any confusion as to which is the front or back. Birds can exit easily from either side. Can also be renovated to serve as “fly-through” bird feeder. You know, just like at McDonald's!



POLISH FLYSWATTER: Who hasn't thought, “Those plastic binders that hold six-packs together must be good for something—like a birthday or Christmas present for the friend or relative who has everything.”



Harry Zacher used a wide assortment of parts to build his “5010 Jr.” which he drives in parades. Parade-goers get a kick out of the 7-ft. long, 100-lb. log chain.

SCALE MODEL OF 1928 DEERE D TRACTOR

“Antique” Garden Tractor

“I built my little tractor in memory of the 1928 Deere ‘D’ and call it the 5010 Jr. because when I built it in 1960, the 5010 was the biggest tractor of its time, just like the D was in its time,” says Harry Zacher, Maddock, N. Dak.

Zacher used a wide assortment of parts to build the tractor. The 15 hp, 2-cylinder engine and the radiator is from a 1936 no. 12-A 6-ft. Deere pull-type combine, with the governor altered to run slow. The rear 16-in. high bar-type grip tires, which Zacher bought new, were designed for a self-propelled swather, and the smaller front tires are off a boat trailer. The front axle (turned so it bows upward) is from a 1935 Chevrolet and the rear axle is from a 1936 Plymouth. Both axles were narrowed-up to fit. The hydraulic brakes are from a 1949 Ford car.

“I built it because the 1928 Deere D was the first tractor I ever owned and I wanted to remember it,” says Zacher. “In those days people said the ‘D’ stood for the ‘Daddy of John Deeres’. I paid \$90 for it. When I built my scale model in 1960, the Deere 5010 was among the biggest tractors on the market, and there weren't any Deere garden tractors available. I built it mostly to do chores around the yard, but it got so handy that I used it in the field to rake and bale hay, haul bales, herd cows, and drive to town on Sundays. I even built a 1-row cultivator for it to use in our garden. Now I use it mostly in parades. When I want to make the tractor smoke like it's pulling hard, I step on the brake and the governor opens up so it pops loud just like the real D did when it was under load. I also use it to store machinery in my quonset building. The front hitch

allows me to push machinery into tight places. The engine has plenty of power for any use. It's geared down so low that I can't kill it.”

The tractor has two transmissions - a 3-speed transmission in front, removed from a Model A Ford truck, and a 4-speed transmission behind it, removed from an Allis-Chalmers C tractor. The front transmission runs in reverse and the rear transmission runs forward. The rear end is from an Allis-Chalmers C tractor. Zacher built the tractor frame from 2 by 3-in. steel tubing. The front drive shaft is from a 1937 Terra Plane Hudson car. The rear drive shaft and universal joint is from an Army jeep. The flywheel is from a Case K-6 combine, the starter from a 1945 Allis-Chalmers WD tractor, and the steering gear and steering wheel from a 1936 Chevrolet. Zacher bought the seat from a tractor supply company. He welded a pair of plow beavertails, removed from a Graham-Hoeme cultivator, onto the sides of the tractor to serve as foot rests. He removed the front wheel weights from a Case tractor and mounted them at the rear of the tractor. He cut a pair of wheel rims in half from a Minneapolis Moline grain drill and welded them in front to protect the radiator. He built a drawbar out of a handyman jack and mounted an A-frame hitch on it which supports a small block and tackle. A 7-ft. long, 100-lb. log chain removed from an old steam engine hangs from the block and tackle, with a sign above that says “Have chain, will pull!”

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New Lutefisk Recipe

Most Scandinavians have a sense of humor about some of their heritage. And anyone who has made lutefisk, or remembers parents or grandparents making and eating it, will surely find humor in the following “new” recipe for preparing “the piece of Cod that passeth understanding:”

1. Get some lutefisk.
2. Get a piece of pine board.
3. Lay lutefisk on board.
4. Flatten lutefisk with cleaver.
5. Sprinkle with pepper and salt.
6. Pour on melted butter.
7. Heat in stove for 2 hours.
8. Allow to cool down a bit.
9. Put on table.
10. Scrape off and throw away lutefisk.
11. Eat the board.