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In this plan you'll find:

- Step-by-step construction instruction.
- A recipe for delicious pitch
- Construction drawings and related photos.
- Tips to help you complete the project and become a better woodworker.

The Ark



Survive the 2012 End of the World in Style and Comfort!



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If the world's going to end, you're going to want to find a way to ride it out in style. Thankfully, we've unearthed some plans that will let you and all your friends ride the waves.

First you need to find some wood. The original plans called for "gopher wood," but even here in Minnesota, we don't know what the heck that is. So just whatever wood you have lying around is probably fine. Our editor in chief used wormwood for his ark and it turned out great!

You're going to need a lot of wood, though, so make sure you gather a whole bunch of it it. When I built mine, I bought out an entire local lumberyard. Your mileage may vary.

Our ark is about 300 cubits x 50 cubits x 30 cubits. Don't have a cubit stick or a tape measure that marks out cubits? Use our handy conversion chart to convert it into hands or feet, whichever you think looks the best.

Then, you just nail those boards together to make it look like a boat. You can bend some wood for the bottom, maybe plane it. Probably throw some nails or glue in there to hold them together. Given the recent news about collapsing joints, I would avoid putting any joints in this project, unless you're a really good swimmer!

After you have the boards put together for the base, get in there and make some rooms. Just make sure that you don't make the same mistake I did! Remember to bring a ladder! Or at least grab enough wood to be able to build yourself one. There's nothing worse than having to start over because you have to saw your way out.

Also, keep in mind all the different types of rooms you'll need. Dining room, bathrooms, bedrooms, kitchenettes, a rumpus room, animal rooms, animal houses, whatever rooms you think you're going to want. There's no chance to build on when all your wood is under 500,000 hands of water.

Now we move onto waterproofing. We use a perfect, completely waterproof pitch made out of [REDACTED BY THE FDA]. As you can imagine, it tastes delicious.

Now, slap a roof on there. Again, make sure you're out of the boat before building a roof. We used a bunch of leftover tarps from our last yard sale, but you can use whatever you're comfortable sitting under for all eternity. A nice mahogany lattice or a sail made out of prefinished clothing are acceptable alternatives.

Once your roof is on, put a 250 finger window around the top of the ark right under the roof. This is so you can look around and laugh at people who don't have as cool an ark as you.

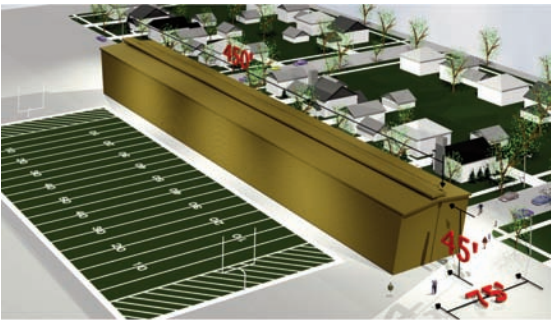
Then you should probably put a door in there somewhere, between the lido and shuffleboard decks so you can get on and off the ark. I made a frame and panel door in the Arts & Crafts style and sealed it with some old bubblegum. It looks really nice.

After that, just load it up and wait until December and watch as your neighbors look with awe and envy at your awesome new project!

Technical Drawings

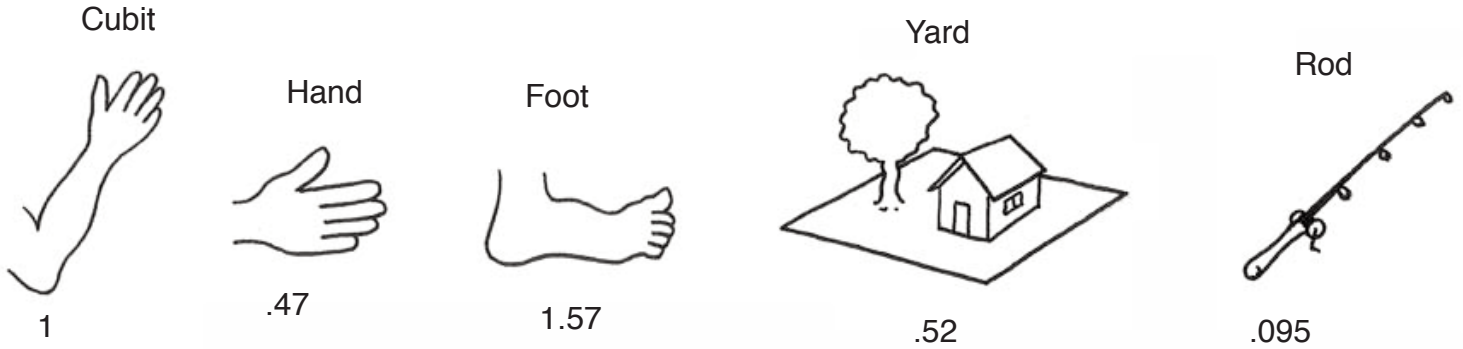


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Conversion Chart



SUPER COOL ACTION SHOT



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The recipe for Barbecue Sauce Pitch could not be included in this document due to a violation of an FDA regulation.

We're terribly sorry for the inconvenience.

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