Re-Creating Dr. Chris Barkan's Track Toys without a Lathe or Machine Shop

Parts List and Assembly Instructions
Rev. 0

Track Toys



Cylindrical Wheel – No Flange

- Shows limited stability and lack of curving
- 3-1/2" Length of 1-1/8" dowel cut from full length dowel.



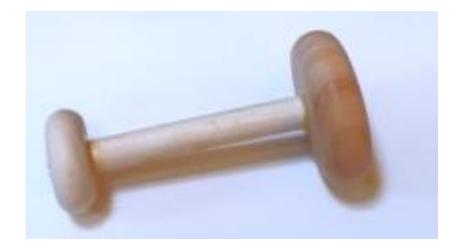
Cylindrical Wheel – Outside Flange

- Shows curving ability.
- Shows lack of lateral constraint when curvature overturning lifts inside flange above rail.

Large Bobbin un-modified.



Unequal Rolling Radius Wheels



- Shows curving due to unequal rolling radius like a tapered wheel shifting across rails.
- 3-1/2" long 3/8" dowel cut from full dowel.
- Drill hubs and glue wheels to axle
- Done.

Tapered Wheels Set – Outside Taper 1/4

 Shows severe dynamic instability with no self correction.

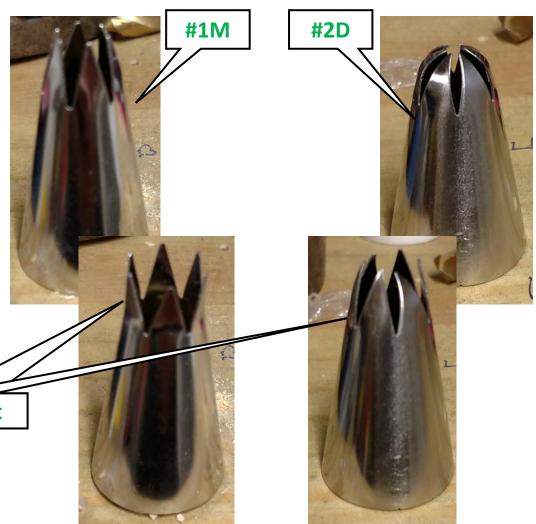


Tapered Wheels Set – Outside Taper 2/4

• 3" long ½" dowel cut from full length dowel.

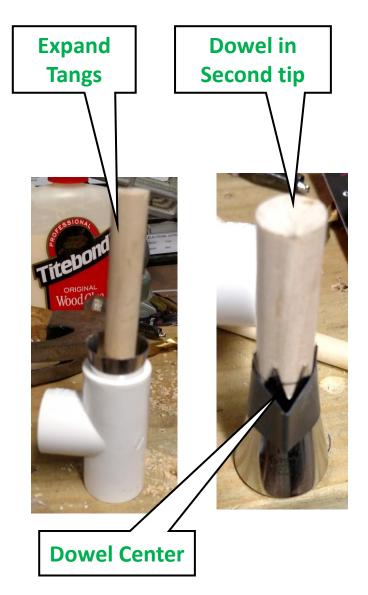
Cake Decorating
 Tip - Bend Tangs
 out.

Tangs Bent out



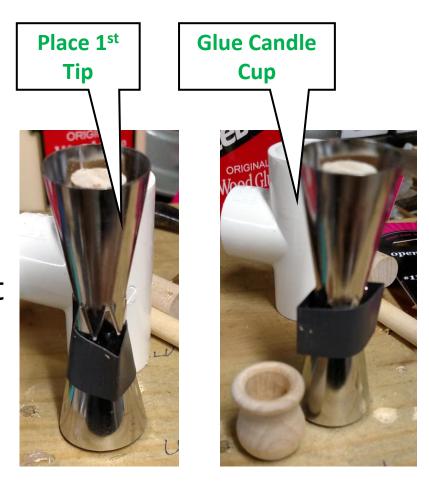
Tapered Wheels Set – Outside Taper 3/4

- Drive ½" dowel into one of the tips to expand tangs, remove dowel.
- PVC tee holds the tip while driving.
- Drive dowel through second tip until center of dowel is between tangs.
- Place heat shrink tubing.



Tapered Wheels Set – Outside Taper 4/4

- Slide first tip onto dowel and interlock tangs.
- Glue candle cup to dowel, making sure the cup fully engages the tip to center it on the dowel.
- Shrink heat shrink tubing.
- Done.



Tapered Wheels Set – Inside Taper 1/3

- Shows some dynamic stability with self correction.
- Shows curving ability

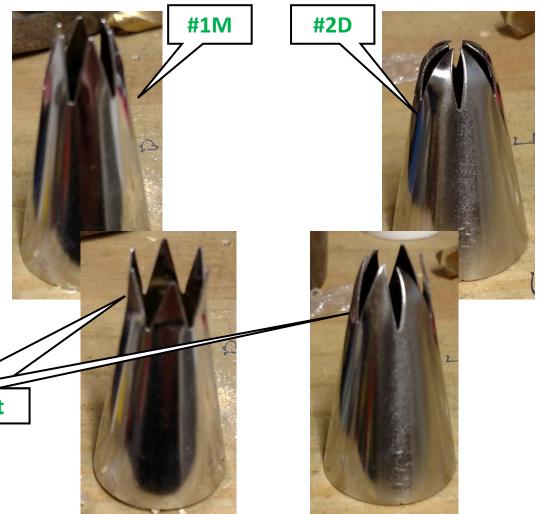


Tapered Wheels Set – Inside Taper 2/3

• 3-1/2" long ½" dowel cut from full length dowel.

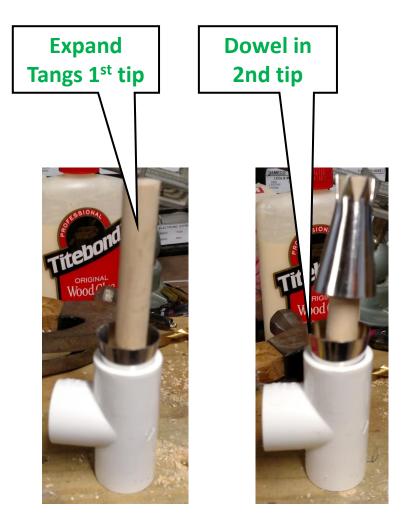
Cake Decorating
 Tip - Bend Tangs
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Tangs Bent out



Tapered Wheels Set – Outside Taper 3/3

- Drive ½" dowel into one of the tips to expand tangs.
- PVC tee holds the tip while driving.
- Flip dowel and tip and drive into second tip until ends touch.
- Place and shrink heat shrink tubing to align base of cone.
- Done



Railroad Tapered Wheels Set

- Shows improved dynamic stability with self correction.
- Shows curving ability.
- Shows lateral restraint with inside wheel lift in curve.

Unmodified wheel set



Parts List	Qty.	Supplier	Part Number
Cake Decorating Tip #1M or #2D	2	Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	
½" Wooden Dowel	1	Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	
3/8" Wooden Dowel	1	Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	
1-1/8" Wooden Dowel		Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	
Candle Cups Wood Parts	1	Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	211318
Wooden Toy Wheels 1-1/8"	1	Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	
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Large Bobbin	1	Hobby Lobby & A C Moore	
Heat Shrink Tubing 3/4" to 3/8" and 1-1/2" to 1"	misc	Home Depot	
LGB 67319 Spoke Wheel Sets, Metal,	1	OnlyTrains.com	

Tools and Supplies

Small Hammer

Miter Box and back Saw

Needle Nose Pliers

Sandpaper

Hair Dryer

Drill and Bits

Wood Glue