

MATERIALS NEEDED

2 SHEETS CARDSTOCK - 8.5" x 11" - MATTE FINISH

The material in the kits is 100% recycled 6ply railroad board. "Index (110lb)" or "Cover(60lb)" weight stock is not heavy enough. A cereal box is about the correct weight. Glossy cardstock (such as a cereal box) is hard to glue together so use a piece of sandpaper to scuff up the surface for better gluing - If you use a cereal box or other glossy cardstock, make sure to print on the matte side!

4 RUBBERBANDS - #19 SIZE

What exactly is a #19 size rubber band? It is about 4 inches in circumference and has a roughly square profile, about 1/16" x 1/16". Use something that is fresh, not dry and brittle.

2 LENGTHS OF STRING - 30" LONG

Use something smooth and not too thick. Plain cotton string works. I like to use embroidery floss.

2 WOODEN DOWELS - 3/16" DIA x MINIMUM 1" LONG

You can buy dowels at a hardware store or find a stick! You can also use drinking straws which typically come in 3/16" or 1/4" diameter. If you have a single hole punch this moves things along quite a bit. Standard hole punchers are 1/4" and if you have one, just use that can 1/4" dowels instead.

PRINTING

PARTS SHEETS

Open the files with a .pdf reader such as Adobe Acrobat. In the print dialog make sure the "Page Scaling" is set to "None." There is a blank border on the sheet already which should accommodate the printer. The important thing is that the two sheets are printed at the same scale so that the pieces will match up. It may be prudent to do a test print on regular printer paper to insure success.

Put your cardstock in the manual feed tray of your printer and print.

INSTRUCTIONS

Once you've collected these materials follow the provided instructions to construct the crab. You can print the instructions out on both sides of the a letter size sheet of paper and then fold in half. **OR** reference them on the computer and follow along with the page numbers in the lower right hand corners.