

Small thread spool holder for under \$5*

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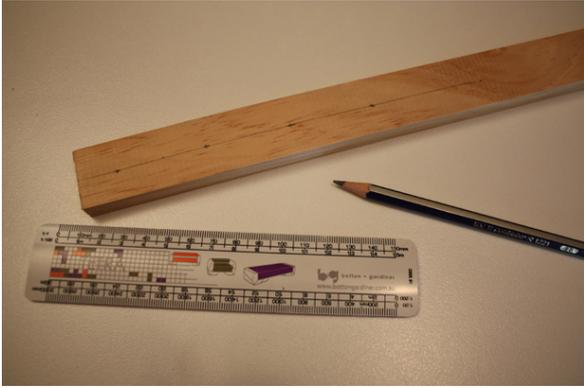
(*\$5.00 AUD) Ok so this isn't technically sewing but I thought I might share anyway. I am lucky enough to have a small dedicated sewing room and I'm a bit of an organising geek but since we rent I can't really put up permanent shelving or hang things off of the wall so I have to get imaginative. I also like to display my sewing items and keep them within easy reach so I've had this little project in mind for a while and thought I would document as I go to see if I can inspire someone else. I wanted to display my sewing threads in a nice manner and since I already have a pin board up I wanted to piggy back off of it someway—!

Step 1 — What you need:



Length/s of dowel small enough to fit through a spool (mine are 6mm diameter - \$0.87 each x2), Length of timber to fit dowel to (mine is 30x12x900mm long - \$3.07), PVA Glue, Drill and drill bit, Pencil and ruler, Helpful fiancÃ© or similar

Step 2



First mark a center line down your timber and mark the spacing for the dowels. I measured 4cm between centers; this allows my largest spools to sit side by side without touching.

Step 3



Now pre-punch your marked holes. We didn't have a punch so we used an old screwdriver, and because my helpful fianc  is a geologist, a rockpick for a hammer.

Step 4



Now drill your dowel holes, mine are on a slight angle, about 45 degrees. Try and keep the angle and depth consistent.

Step 5



All holes drilled. Now clean up the mess and gently sand away any rough parts on the surface and inside the holes.

Step 6



Now cut your dowels. I cut mine 5cm long which allows enough to go into the base and still leaves enough for a spool to sit on without it showing. Clean up any rough ends.

Step 7



Now fill your drilled holes with a little PVA glue and begin to fit your dowels. Mine needed a little gentle persuasion. Clean up any glue that squirts out with a damp rag.

Step 8



I attached my spool holder to my pin board but you could make a larger stand alone one, or attach it to a shelf edge. I'm sure there are plenty more possibilities.

Step 9



Another view

Step 10



Very pretty & practical
