



Youth Mock Shotgun

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After sawing the stock from the wood board, cut the end of the PVC pipe according to the photograph. The larger dowel section fits inside of the PVC pipe and the 1/4-inch dowel is placed into a hole drilled in the side of the larger section to form a bolt handle. Use the smaller wood screws to attach the pipe holder in the place of a trigger guard. Use the longer screws to attach the PVC pipe barrel to the stock. A wrap of red electrical tape at the end helps the student stay focused on safety and this simulated firearm will help prevent scratches and dents in your real ones. ●

Hardware Needed:

- 3/4" Dowel Rod 6" long
- 1/4" Dowel Rod 2 1/2" long
- 1" PVC Pipe 30" long
- 1" PVC Pipe Holder
- 2" X 6" X 30" Piece of Wood
- 4 Screws (2 long, 2 short)
- Red Electrical Tape.



This classroom teaching aid is easy to construct. The enlarged image above shows how to create the action.

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Flying With Firearms

Q: My students frequently ask about transporting firearms when they fly to a hunting destination. What should I tell them?

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A: When it's time to travel on an airline with a firearm, the rule of the road is to call ahead and ask questions. Most airlines require that the gun be unloaded, encased in a hardside, lockable case and that the ammunition be stored separately. From those basics the airline interpretations begin to vary. Most airlines will also require you to sign a firearm declaration form and some



Remove the ammunition and cleaning solutions before locking this case and checking the firearm with your airline's agent.

require this to be visible on the outside while other carriers require the form be placed inside the case. Some airlines charge over-size fees for firearm cases.

Ammunition guidelines on most carriers require that it be in checked baggage, not hand carried onto the airplane, and shipped in the original manufactur-

er's box. A maximum of 11 pounds is allowed. All airlines prohibit the transportation of flammable liquids including gun cleaning solutions and bear spray.

When possible, you might find it better to ship your firearm ahead to your destination via common ground carriers such as UPS.

For guidelines on traveling after you land, visit www.nra.org for a state-by-state summary of gun regulations. For travel to Canada, visit the Canadian Firearms Centre at www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca or call (800) 731-4000. The gun import laws there began changing in 1998 and are still developing.

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