## CAD Tutorial : Birdhouse



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## By the end of this tutorial you will be able

 to...- Link basic shapes
- Use the Arc tool
- Use the Follow Me tool to produce a rounded edge
- Use construction lines/points
- Colour/render your finished toy boat


## Skills to be used in this project...

| Basic Skills | New and Higher Skills |
| :---: | :---: |
| Zoom tool | Construction lines and points |
| Orbit tool | Tape Measure tool |
| Pan tool | Arc tool |
| Line tool | Follow Me tool |
| Rectangle tool | Loading new toolbars |
| Circle tool | Paint Bucket tool |
| Eraser tool |  |
| Push/Pull tool |  |

Basic skills are those required to do very basic drawings and are detailed as part of this presentation.

New and higher skills may be new to the novice and are the focus for learning in this presentation.

2. Select Units and choose Decimal Millimetres. We are using this template because we are doing a product design.

Note: It is often necessary to start a new file to use the new template. Go to File then New.

1. Open the sketch up drawing. Once you have opened SketchUp, go to Window and select Model Info

2. Now select the View then toolbars and ensure Getting Started and Large Tool Set are ticked



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## Flat Packed Wall Construction



1. Click on the rectangle tool. Start drawing a square and type 150, 150.

2. Press Enter. Click on the zoom extents symbol.

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3. Using the push pull tool. Hover over the shape indicated. It will go dotted as you hover over it. Pull the shape up. Type in 4 and press enter.

6. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
7. Click a second time to set the guide line and type 10 and enter. You will have a guide line 10 mm in from the bottom edge
4. Using the select tool, click on the base piece three times and right click on the mouse and press make group

5. Select the Tape measure tool and snap to the bottom edge as shown


14. Select the Tape measure tool and snap to the side edge as shown
15. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
16. Click a second time to set the guide line and type 25 and enter. You will have a guide line 25 mm in from the side edge
17. Select the Tape measure tool and snap to the bottom edge as shown
18. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
19. Click a second time to set the guide line and type 14 and enter. You will have a guide line 14 mm in from the bottom edge


20. Select the Tape measure tool and snap to the top edge as shown
21. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
22. Click a second time to set the guide line and type 14 and enter. You will have a guide line 14 mm in from the top edge

23. Select the Tape measure tool and snap to the side edge as shown
24. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
25. Click a second time to set the guide line and type 29 and enter. You will have a guide line 29 mm in from the side edge

29. Select the Tape measure tool
and snap to the bottom edge
29. Select the Tape measure too
and snap to the bottom edge as shown
30. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
31 Click a second time to set the guide will line and type 50 and enter. You will line and type 50 and enter. You
26. Select the Tape measure tool and snap to the side edge as shown
27. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
28. Click a second time to set the guide line and type 29 and enter. You will have a guide line 29 mm in from the side edge

have a guide line 50 mm in from


39. Select the Tape measure to and snap to the side edge as shown
40. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge

41 Click a second time to set the guide line and type 50 and enter. You will have a guide line 50 mm in from double click on the piece shown to edit it. All the other pieces should be greyed out. Then click on the edge shown to highlight it in blue.





49. Using the line tool. Snap to the endpoints shown to draw the triangle. It should fill in grey if drawn correctly.

50. Using the line tool. Snap to the endpoints shown to draw the triangle on the opposite side. It should fill in grey if drawn correctly.

55. Select the Tape measure to and snap to the side edge as shown
56. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge
58. Select the Tape measure tod and snap to the side edge as the shown

57 Click a second time to set the guide
line and type 19 and enter. You will
have a guide line 19 mm in from
59. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge

60 Click a second time to set the guide
line and type 40 and enter. You
will
have a guide line 40 mm in from


64. Select the Tape measure tor and snap to the side edge as the shown
61. Select the Tape measure tol and snap to the side edge as shown
62. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge

63 Click a second time to set the guide
line and type 15 and enter. You will
have a guide line 15 mm in from the
65. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge

66 Click a second time to set the guide
line and type 19 and enter. You
will

have a guide line 19 mm in from
67. Select the Tape measure to and snap to the side edge as shown
68. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line from the edge

69 Click a second time to set the guide
line and type 40 and enter. You
70. Select the Tape measure to 50 have a guide fine 40 mm in from and snap to the bottom edge as shown

have a guide line $4 m m$ down



78. Click on the rectangle tood. Using the guide lines you have drawn previously. Draw the rectangle underneath the main shape shown. It will say intersections from the two points indicated.


81. Using the push pull tool. Hover over the shape you have just drawn. They will go dotted as you hover over them in turn. Pull the shape up. Type in 4 and press
82. Use the select tool enter keep clicking on the piece until it is all selected and highlighted in blue. Right click on
the mouse to produce the menu shown above and click on make group.


87. Click on the rectangle tool . Start drawing a square and type 150, 120.
88. Select the Tape measure tool and
snap to the side edge as shown.

Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line. Click a
second
time to set the guide line and ${ }^{8}$
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89. Select the Tape measure tool and shown.

Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line. Click a
second
time to set the guide line and type 14 and enter
90. Select the Tape measure tool and
snap to the side edge as shown.

Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line. Click a second
time to set the quide line and

91. Repeat steps 88, 89 and 90
on the opposite side. The guide lines should measure

10, 14 and 50.
92. Select the Tape measure tool and
snap to the bottom edge as shown. Click once and it will draw a dotted guide line.

## Click a

line





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## Roof Construction

 type 34.4 and enter

and type 40 and enter

and type 166 and enter



11. Using the push pull tool. Hover over the shape you have just drawn. They will go dotted as you hover over them in turn. Pull the shape up. Type in 4 and press enter.
12. Use the select tool and keep clicking on the roof until it is all selected and highlighted in blue. Right click on the mouse to produce the menu shown above and click on make group.

14. Move the piece to the right of the originat.


## CAD Tutorial 19: Birdhouse Final Assembly



1. Using the select tool,
click on one of the side pieces

Hold the shift key down
(arrow pointing up found


Click on the other three pieces so they are highlighted as
shown.
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4. Rotate the square until the number in the bottom right hand-side says '90' or type ‘90’and enter. Alternatively rotate until the line goes blue.

5. Using the select tool,
click on one of the side pieces

Hold the shift key down

6. Click on rotate tool bar.

Move it to the front of the pieces and click to set it in place as shown. The rotate protractor must be Blue when you click it into place.

Click on the other piece so they are highlighted as shown.



11. Using the move tool, repeat steps 9 and 10 on the opposite side as shown.


14. Using the move tool, repeat steps 12 and 13 on the opposite side as shown.
13. Using the move tool, snap it into place with the endpoint of the rectangle below.


17. Use the pencil tool. Snap to the top point and draw a line down on the blue axis. Type in 100 and press enter.
18. Using the select tool, double click on a front piece shown. All the other pieces should be greyed out.

19. Using the rotate tool, snap the centre of the circle on the end of the line you have just drawn



23. Using the select tool, double click on a front piece shown. All the other pieces should be greyed out. Then click on the edge shown to highlight it in blue.

24. Whilst on the selected blue line, right click with the mouse and select divide.
25. Using the mouse, you can move it up and down the blue line to divide it into 3 segments or you can type 3 and press enter.
26. Using the select tool, click on the opposite edge shown to highlight it in blue. Whilst on the selected blue line, right click with the mouse and select divide.
27. Using the mouse, you can move it up and down the blue line to divide it into 3 segments or you can type 3 and press enter.



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33. Using the pencil tool, move your pencil along the blue line until it snaps to the other endpoint. Draw a line across to the opposite edge.

32. Using the push pull tool. Hover over the middle rectangle you have just drawn. It will go dotted as you hover it. Pull the shape up. Type in 4 and press enter.

37. Using the mouse, you can move it up
and down the blue line to divide it into 3 segments or you can type/3 and press enter. Draw your lines across and use the push pull tool to
add you raised slot joint. Repeat
36. Using the select tool, double click on a back piece shown. All the other pieces should be greyed out. Then click on the edge shown to highlight it in blue. Whilst on the selected blue
line, rightclick with the mouse






46. Using the move tool, snap the other roof into place with the endpoint of the rectangle you previously drew on the birdhouse shown opposite.
47. Use your own skills to add more details



Tasks:

- Put other details on the birdhouse such as a perch, wooden sides, bird bath etc.
- Experiment with colours and materials for rendering.

Click View - toolbars and untick
axis. Place a tick next to shadows

