

DIY Golf Bookends

Instructions, Tips and Tutorial Photos found on AnnsEntitledLife.com

A few notes to begin this project:

- 1) Salvation Army, a garage sale, Goodwill... all GREAT places to find used gold clubs for a few dollars. You may want to consider a righty and lefty if you can find them so your golf clubs are facing outward on the bookend (in publishing, they call it flowing out to white space... or so I learned about 35 years ago).
- 2) Practice safety. If you don't know how to use a hacksaw, get someone who does know how to use it to make the cut for you.
- 3) I am **not** responsible if you cut your hand off. I had to put that disclaimer in there. See #2 above.

DIY Golf Bookends Materials:

- Hacksaw
- Metal File
- Cordless Drill
- Sander with 220 Grit Paper (or just 220 Grit Paper and you sand by hand)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Wood Measured 3.25" x 7" x 5/8". Used were four pieces of board 7" long (think old fence post, pallets, leftover project wood)
- Foam Paint Brush
- Small Paint Brush
- Scissors or Paper Cutter
- E6000® Craft Adhesive
- 4 Wood Screws, about 1.5"
- 2 pieces 12×12 Scrapbook Paper Grass
- Christmas Green Paint
- Thicket Paint
- Mod Podge
- 2 Golf Balls

- 2 Golf Clubs
- Green Felt

DIY Golf Bookends Directions

- Use a hacksaw to trim your golf clubs.
- Hacksaws are inexpensive and come with the metal blade you will need to cut the golf clubs.
- The golf clubs used in this project are trimmed to 2" from the end.
- Use a metal file to file down any rough metal edges that occurred when cutting the clubs.
- Set aside.
- Trim your boards to the length you desire for your bookends.
- The length of the wood used in this project is 7" long and 3.25" wide (based on the length of the cut golf clubs). The thickness of the wood was 5/8" thick.
- Sand your wood with sandpaper where necessary. You want the wood to be smooth. Make sure you break the edges at the bottom of each cut piece of wood, and sand it smooth.
- Wipe away dust.
- Drill pilot holes into the corner of your bottom piece of wood.
- Align your wood bottom flat to top bottom.
- Screw in your screws.

Suggestions:

- You can draw a line to trace the board so that you can center your screw in that area.
- Hubby suggested an outside bracket for extra support. He also suggested routering out the area where the bracket would go for extra support so it would be flush inside the wood instead of outside the wood. My suggestion? Hold less books (yikes he sure likes his tools!)
- A thin line of glue... whether Elmer's or the <u>E6000</u> placed down on the wood before screwing the wood together will also add strength.
- Paint your bookends with green acrylic paint and a paint brush.
- Mix two colors together for a different, unique look. This look was achieved by mixing Christmas Green Paint and Thicket Paint together.
- Pay special attention to the sides of the wood. These will be exposed and not have a covering (the grass scrapbook paper or felt).
- Make sure the screws are on the downside (the bottom) of you bookends. Be mindful of that when you paint and apply the paper in the next step. If you are adding felt to the bottom of your bookends, that will cover the screws and you won't have to paint that section.
- You don't have to paint the area you are covering with the <u>scrapbook paper</u> (or felt) if you do not want to, but make certain there is a slight overlap of paint so no raw wood shows through if you do indeed decide not to paint the entire piece.
- Trim your <u>scrapbook paper</u> a little smaller than the actual size of the bookends. Use scissors or a paper trimmer.
- Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge to the wood with your foam paint brush.
- Apply a thin coat of <u>Mod Podge</u> to the <u>scrapbook paper</u> and place the onto the <u>scrapbook paper</u> onto the coated wood. Having both the wood and the scrapbook paper coated allows you to move the paper around a bit for better placement before the <u>Mod Podge</u> begins to dry. Use the palm of

your hand and fingers to smooth out the air bubbles and excess Mod Podge.

- Repeat on all four flat wood surfaces. Set aside to dry for about two hours.
- Cover the wood and paper with Mod Podge. Let set to dry, about 1 hour.
- Use your <u>E6000® Craft Adhesive</u> to affix the clubs and balls to the bookends at desired placement. These are probably not going to be centered. Try several positions before actually gluing, and always goes with what looks best to you!
- You'll want to find an undisturbed space to set your bookends when you are finished so the glue can set up and dry as directed on the package. These were left on a table out of reach for two days before using to hold books.
- Optional: add green felt to the bottom of the bookends to protect the surface. Honestly, in my opinion this should never be an option; you should always attach felt so as not to scratch furniture or shelving.