## QUICK TOOLS-SANDING STICKS



## Pearls FROM THE CHEST

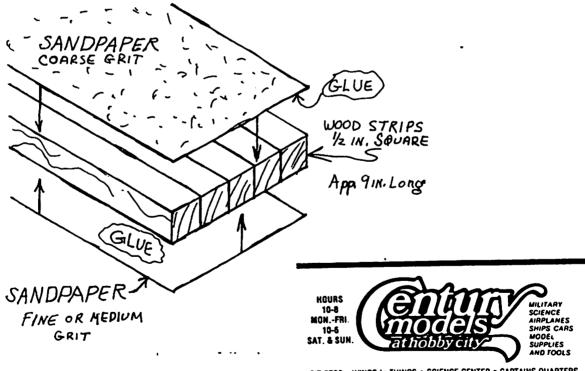
SANDING STICKS by Ted Whomsley

When I was building the RACEHORSE, I found the need for some sturdier sandpaper. My finger was getting tired and sore from wrapping a piece of sandpaper around it. This sanding stick is what I came up with.

Out of a half inch thick piece of wood I cut several sticks about a half inch wide. I set five of these side by side and then glued a piece of coarse sandpaper on one side and a piece of fine grit on the other. The sandpaper should be a piece big enough to cover all the sticks at one time. This will save a lot of gluing. Don't squeeze the sticks too close together because after the glue dries you have to separate them with an old razor blade.

Put the glue on the sandpaper and lay it on the sticks, then clamp them between two larger pieces of wood and let them set overnight.

My sticks are about 9 inches long. This gives you enough room for a good grip and a lot of sanding area. These came in mighty handy for me so I thought I'd pass along the idea for what it's worth. Ted



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