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ARTISTIC WOODEN STAND FOR YOUR FISH BOWL

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THE BEAUTY of the Fish Bowl, which add greatly to the decorative setting in the home, can be greatly enhanced by elevating it from the table top by means of a stand. The support that I present here is composed of three swimming fish set at equal distances around two wooden discs by dowels (wooden pins) whose tail ends support the Fish Bowl.

On a piece of wood $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick, lay out the tracings of the three (3) fish (see fig. 1) and cut them with a jig-saw. Then sand paper them very smoothly.

On another piece of wood $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, cut out two discs with $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and $6\frac{1}{2}$ " diameters respectively. On the rims of the two discs, locate 3 equidistant points. Cut grooves $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep on

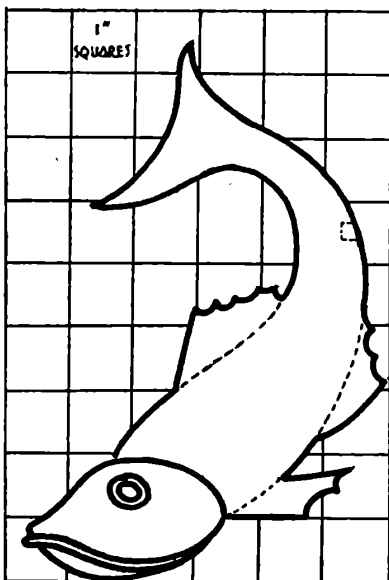
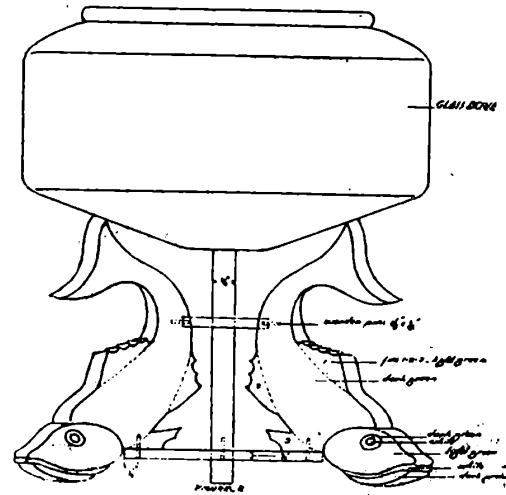


FIG 1



the smaller disc for the fish to fit into. In the edge of these grooves, bore holes large enough for the dowels $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Likewise bore holes on the belly of each fish to match the holes on the disc (see fig. 2). Then fit the pieces together with glue.

On three equidistant points on the larger disc, bore holes $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the rim. As in fig. 2, place this disc under the fins of the fish and bore opposite holes through the fish fins. Cover the dowels with the glue and assemble the pieces together. Let the glue dry and then paint the stand with two coats of lacquer. Paint the fish as in fig. 2.

With a little patience and care, a very artistic stand could be made very easily from pieces of useless wood lying around the house.