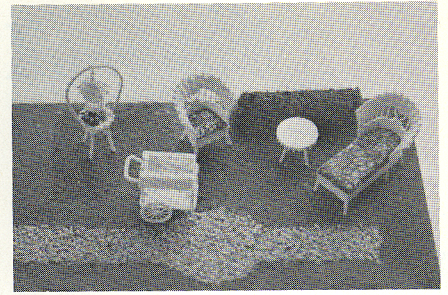


# work project

## Half Inch Scale Wicker Furniture

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This project is part of a series of Coordinated Work Projects. The Half Inch Scale Wicker Kits are available through the N.A.M.E. office. See Order Form included in this issue.

### SUPPLIES:

1/32" thick basswood (enough for seat)  
4 pieces #32 ga. white cloth covered wire 18" long  
1 piece #24 ga. white cloth covered wire 6" long  
3 1/2 yards waxed linen or cotton cord  
Water base varnish  
Cyanoacrylate glue (I use Zap-a-Gap CA+)  
White paint- either acrylic or semi-gloss latex  
Fine sandpaper  
Index card  
Small piece of 1/8" thick foam or some cotton for cushion  
Small piece of fabric for cushion cover  
Tacky glue

### TOOLS:

Drill with #65 bit  
Craft knife  
Toothpicks  
Scissors  
Hemostats  
Tweezers

### PREPARATION:

1. Before cutting the wire to proper length, seal it with water base varnish. Method: pour a small amount of varnish on a sponge and draw the wire through it.
2. Split the waxed cord into two ply pieces. Retwist the cord as you weave.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Trace the seat pattern (Fig. 1) onto the basswood. Cut it out with the craft knife or scissors and sand it smooth giving special attention to the edges.
2. With a pencil, mark the position of the holes on the seat (Fig. 2).
3. Drill the holes. Note that some of the holes go all the way through and some go only half way.
4. Cut the prepared #32 ga. wire into the following lengths:  
28 pieces 1/2" long  
13 pieces 2 1/4" long  
4 pieces 1 3/4" long
5. Cut six 5/8" pieces from the #24 ga. wire. These are the legs and must be exact.
6. Using cyanoacrylate glue, glue the 28 1/2" long wires into the designated holes (Fig. 3). Dip the end of each wire into the glue and insert into hole. Glue the six 5/8" #24 ga. wires into the designated holes.
7. Refer to Fig. 4 and insert the thirteen 2 1/4" wires into the holes that go all the way through the wood, having 1/2" of the wire extending below the seat (Fig. 5). Use a toothpick to apply a bit of c/a glue at the point where each of these wires meet the wood on the underside of the seat. Glue the four 1 3/4" wires into the top remaining holes.
8. Beginning at a front leg wire and using the waxed cord, weave in and out the wires around the bottom of the seat for 13 rows (See Fig. 6 and Fig. 7). Remember to keep retwisting the cord.
9. Stop weaving at the leg where you began and double wrap the leg with cord.
10. Cut the cord and glue the tail to the inside.
11. Use a toothpick to apply c/a glue to the edge of the weaving to secure it. When dry, trim off the excess wires. DO NOT CUT OFF THE LEG WIRES (Fig. 8).

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12. Double wrap the other five legs. Now check to see that the chaise sets square. If not, instead of trying to cut bits off the legs that are too long, try adding a bit of c/a glue to the legs that are too short.
13. Working on the top wires and beginning at one edge, weave back and fourth for 19 rows. Fan the wires out just a bit.
14. On the next row, weave up the wires gradually increasing the space between the weaving until you have 3/8" of wire exposed on the back of the chaise. Now weave back down to the other side (Fig. 9). Carefully glue this row in place with a dot of c/a glue on the cord and each wire.
15. Weave back and forth for 19 more rows.
16. On the final row (#20), wrap the cord once around each wire carrying the cord on the outside of the seat back for a knot effect. Cut the cord and glue the tail to the outside of the seat back.
17. Check to see that the two sides of the chaise are even in height and dot each wire with glue where the weaving ends to secure it.
18. When glue is dry, cut off the excess wire.
19. Flare the side and back a bit.
20. At this point, you can leave the chaise as is or insert curliques in the back. If you want the curliques, cut out the back three exposed wires— cut off even with the weaving (Fig. 10).
21. Cut two 7/8" lengths of #32 ga. wire. Use your hemostats to bend the wires into curliques that match the pattern (Fig. 11) and glue them into the chaise back (Fig.12).
22. Paint the chaise.
23. Cut a piece of index card to fit the chaise seat. Use cotton or a thin piece of foam rubber as a pad and glue to the index card. Cover the padding with fabric of your choice and glue it to the underside of the index card. Use tacky glue.

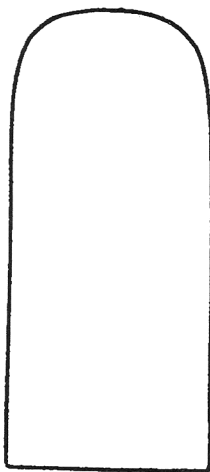
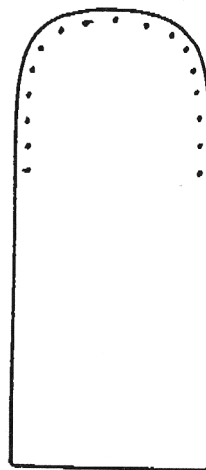
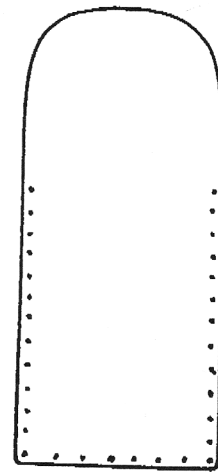


Figure 1



Top of seat  
Drill; these holes all  
the way through



Underside of seat  
Drill these holes only  
half way through

Figure 2

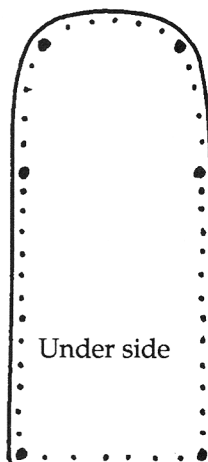


Figure 3

Glue 5/8" leg wires  
into holes marked  
with heavy dot

Glue 1/2" #32 wires  
into remaining holes  
that go only half  
way through

Under side

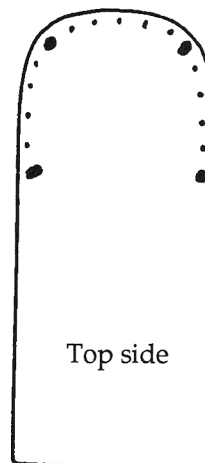


Figure 4

Insert 2 1/4" wires  
into holes that go  
all the way  
through

Insert 1 3/4" wires  
into holes marked  
with heavy dot.

Top side

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