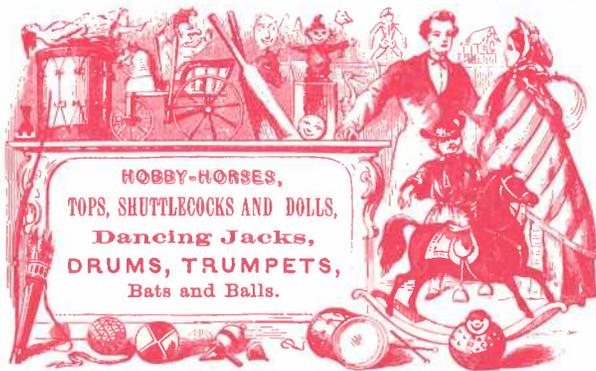


# THE WOODSMEN

## A toy to make and enjoy



Children have always played with toys, but they did not always buy them. Children growing up in Vermont during earlier days often made their own



toys. There were few toy shops and the toys that were available were usually very expensive.

After chores and schooling was done for the day, children had time to work on a toy for themselves. Cornhusk and rag dolls, willow whistles, and tops were among the many creations sewn and whittled in their free time.

Here is a simple toy you can make. The “Two Woodsmen” is a moving toy. It and others like it have been popular since the 1800’s. You can try making this one the size it is on this page, or you may wish to enlarge the design. Ask an adult to help you if you have trouble.



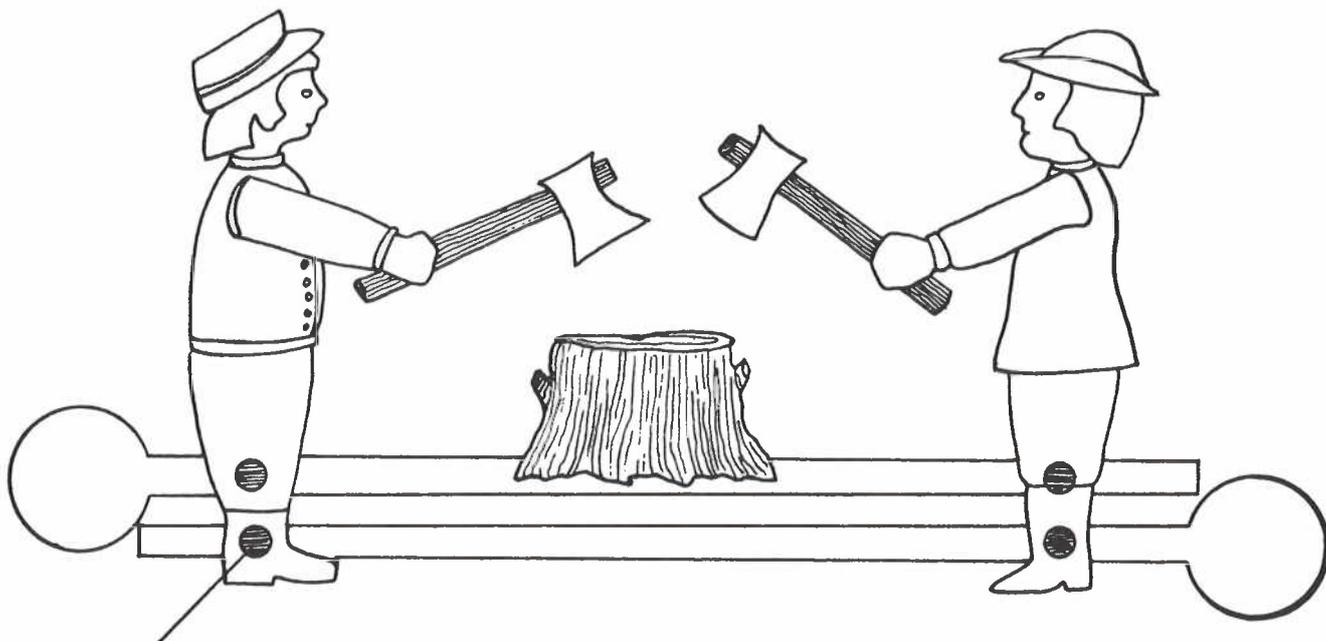
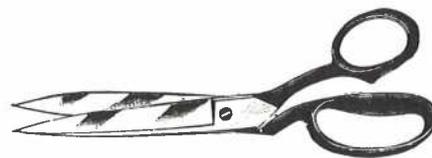
**You will need:**

- Heavy art board or balsa wood
- Scissors or utility knife
- Ruler
- Carbon paper
- Pencil
- Paper fasteners
- Paint and brushes

First transfer the picture of each of the two woodsmen holding their axes onto your art board or balsa

wood using a piece of carbon paper. Cut out the two figures. Transfer the 2 handles in the same way. Include the stump on one of them. Now cut out the two handles. Paint the two woodsmen and the stump. Puncture two holes in each figure and in each handle as shown in the drawing. Insert the paper fasteners into these holes attaching the figures to the handles.

You are now ready to put the two men to work. Push and pull the two handles to get your woodsmen to chop away at the tree stump.



Paper fasteners are inserted in drilled holes.