

## ROOSTER DECORATION

*This is a project that's sure to keep you and your kids busy in your comfortable air conditioned home. He's a fun Rooster made out of styrofoam..but he looks like metal or iron. So, come on looks get started on our Rusty Rooster and see what there is to "crow" about!! Cock-a-Doodle-do!!*

### ***RUSTY ROOSTER***

#### ***Supplies List:***

1/2" Styrofoam, one piece 1/2" thick and at least 12" x 12" . Plus, another sheet that's 1" thick by at least 24" x 12" .

Water-based acrylic primer

Water-based acrylic sealer

Faux finishes: iron; rust or paint colors that are black, rust, red and yellow

Wooden dowel rod, 7/16" x 36"

Wonder Cutter (styrofoam cutter)

Fine-line black permanent marker

Pencil with dull point

Ruler

Paintbrushes: stiff-bristled; disposable sponge, three

Disposable palette

Water basin

Paper towels

Scissors

Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks

Saw-tooth picture hanger (optional)

- 1.** Use marker to trace pattern outlines onto foam sheets as indicated; details will be added later. There are nine separate foam pieces; body/tail is one large piece. Using the Wonder Cutter cut along traced lines. In addition, cut one 2" x 4" piece from 1"-thick foam sheet for dowel anchor. If making rooster for indoors, omit anchor.
- 2.** Taper left edge of each wing as indicated on pattern. Use knife to cut foam at a diagonal from dashed line on top front of wing toward bottom left edge.
- 3.** Use pencil with dull point to indent dashed lines shown on body/tail pattern: head/wattle; chest; tail.
- 4.** Using photo and pattern as guides, glue foam pieces together. Glue Wing B to Wing A; glue wing to body. Glue comb to back of rooster's head and tail feathers to front of body, behind wings. Glue dowel anchor to center back of rooster.

5. Use stiff brush to apply one coat primer to dowel and rooster, including back and sides; let dry.
6. Use disposable brush to apply two generous coats of iron finish or paints to all primed surfaces. Follow manufacturer's instructions for drying time.
7. When dry, use disposable brush to apply one to three coats of rust finish over iron finish. More coats result in more "rust"; apply as many as needed to achieve desired effect. Follow manufacturer's instructions for drying time.
8. Use disposable brush to apply one coat sealer.
9. Glue dowel into foam anchor at back of rooster. To display outdoors, push dowel directly into ground. To display indoors, glue picture hanger to center back of rooster instead.

***And, that's all there is to it. One more thing: HAVE A GREAT TIME!! And don't forget to list your garage sale or browse for garage sales on my website: [www.GarageSaleGal.com](http://www.GarageSaleGal.com) Plus, you can visit ebay and see what the Garage Sale Gal is selling this week!!!***