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How To Remove A Broken Screw From Wood

Occasionally a screw will break off as it is being driven into wood (Fig. 40A). If you have been frustrated by your inability to deal with this problem, fear no more. This procedure is practically foolproof. No offense intended.

Utensils

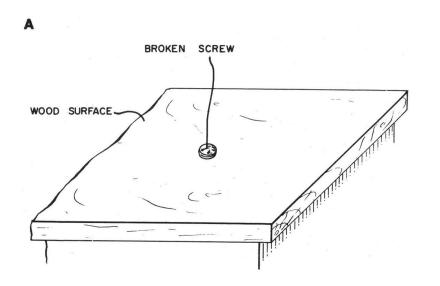
Soldering Iron Pliers

Ingredients

None

Approximate Time: 15 Minutes

- 1. Heat soldering iron until tip is bright orange.
- 2. Place iron on embedded screw and heat for several minutes (Fig. 40B).
- 3. Once wood is burned away, grasp the screw with pliers and turn counterclockwise until screw is removed (Fig. 40C).
- 4. If screw is still not dislodged, reheat as necessary.



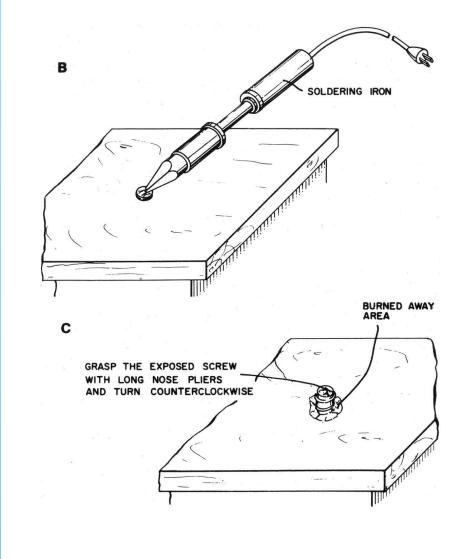


Figure 40.
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