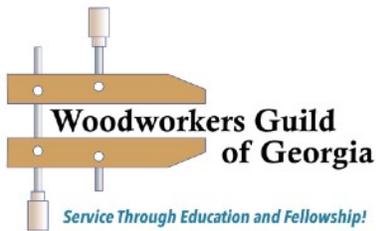


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## Woodworkers Guild of Georgia Making and Donating Toys for Kids

The Woodworkers Guild of Georgia has a long record of community involvement, including many years of making legacy boxes, tables for veterans, and toys for kids. Annual efforts in toy making began with members gathering at Woodcraft Store to make small locomotives and continued with preparation of small round keepsake boxes, a variety of puzzles, small trucks, and sports cars. It is typical to make a run of about 100 of each item.

Toys made by our members have been donated to Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta, the Craddock Center near Ellijay GA, and United Way for further distribution.

Toys have typically been made and assembled by members at special and/or monthly meetings. Because of gathering restrictions due to the Covid-19 virus, members are currently asked to make toys at home and deliver them to the Woodcraft Store on Holcomb Bridge Rd in Alpharetta, where they will be picked up and then donated. Look for upcoming emails and dates regarding our toy-making program.

There are several pictures and detailed plans for making toys on our website under the Toys for Kids topic (<https://www.wwgofga.com/toys/>). In addition, there are several toy-making videos from recorded monthly meetings that are available. Toy plans range from simple to somewhat complex designs, thereby providing an opportunity to participate in this very worthwhile effort by woodworkers of various skill levels. If desired, mentoring is available. Contact any Board of Directors member for assistance.

For donated toys specifically, It is very important that 2x pine material be used with **no finish applied**, thereby avoiding any potential harm to a child who may choose to chew on a toy. In addition, no coloring agent other than food coloring shall be used. Any loose parts must be larger than 1.25 inches in dimension. Also, only Titebond Original, Type II, or Type III glue shall be used because they have been verified to be non-toxic.