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Lawn-Tool Storage

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Are your lawn tools spread out all over the garage? You can organize them with a 30-gallon trash can and a custom-made lid.

Materials:

30-gallon (or larger) round plastic garbage can
3/4" plywood, large enough to cover the garbage can
Four scrap 2"x4" blocks
Drill, with hole saw
Jigsaw
String
Pushpin
Pencil
Safety glasses

1. Measure the inside diameter of the trash can (**figure A**).
2. Use a string, a pencil and a pushpin to transfer the measurement to a scrap piece of plywood. Tie a loop in the end of the string to hold the pencil. Measuring from the far end of the loop, tie a knot in the string at a distance equal to half the trashcan's diameter. Tie another knot an inch past the first knot (**figure B**).
3. Push a pin through the first knot and into the middle of the plywood (**figure C**).
4. Use the string and pencil to draw a circle around the pin. Keep the pencil straight up and down and the string taut (**figure D**). Don't pull too hard, or you'll pull the pin out of the wood.
5. Push the pin through the second knot, and repeat the procedure to draw a larger circle. Cut around the larger circle with a jigsaw.



Make a special lid to store lawn tools in a garbage can.



Figure A



Figure B



6. Cut holes in the circular piece of plywood, using a hole saw (**figure E**).
7. Attach four scrap 2" by 4" blocks to the underside of the circular piece so they're about 1/2" from the inside edge of the first circle you drew (**figure F**). Space the blocks evenly around the circle so they'll hold the lid in place.

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Figure C



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F