

Wooden Toys

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Wooden Toys constructs a variety of fairly large-scale wooden toys for use by early childhood centres.

There are several elements worth serious consideration: All coatings should be free from any toxic materials. Upon encountering a new object very young children tend to use their usual sense of touch, smell, hearing and sight. They also tend to taste almost every item that comes to hand.

Because this automatic habit must be catered for, it is of utmost importance that all paint and coatings on toys be made of non toxic material. The wood from which the toy is made must be of catering or food standard grade.

Toy bodies must also be toxic material free. The vehicles in this project are made of heart macrocarpa and pine wood. Young children should not be able to remove any parts.

These toys are not models, but merely large toy road vehicles. School teacher advice indicates avoidance of items that could be recessed and glued in place. Children tend to destroy added trappings.

Colour market research has revealed that the use of varied colour schemes is important. Although adults appreciate the look and feel of polished wood, children much prefer brightly coloured items – the brighter, the better.

Toys must be exceptionally robust.

The toys in this project are made to be almost indestructible. The wheel axles are of 8mm steel with heads and nuts recessed within the wheel body. The nuts are glued in place. The designs incorporate as much solid wood as possible, thereby reducing the likelihood of breakage.



Broom

Gorse

Double Putty

Keppel

Wet N Wild

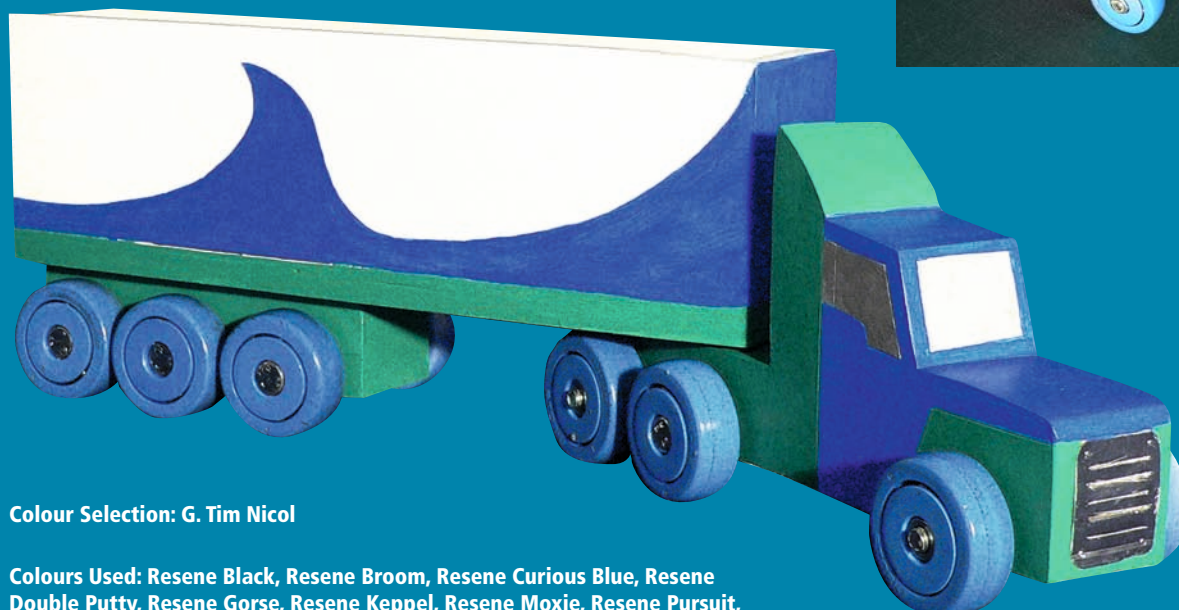
Studio

Curious Blue

Moxie

Pursuit

Black



Colour Selection: G. Tim Nicol

Colours Used: Resene Black, Resene Broom, Resene Curious Blue, Resene Double Putty, Resene Gorse, Resene Keppel, Resene Moxie, Resene Pursuit, Resene Rice Flower, Resene Studio, Resene Wet N Wild

Products Used: Resene Lumbersider, Resene Aquaclear, Resene Waterborne Smooth Surface Sealer, Resene Lustacryl, Resene Zylone Sheen

 Resene Bowie

Resene Total Colour Product Award

