

NUMBERED FISH AND SNAKES

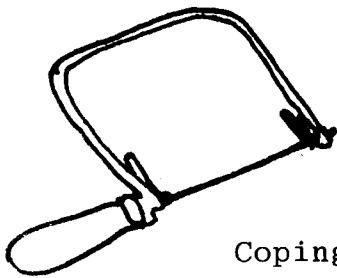
This is a fun way of starting to learn numbers as well as fitting together various shapes. If teachers make these themselves, they can decide just how hard or easy it is to make pieces fit together, as only they know what is best for the children in their classes. If the numbers are only stuck on one side, the fish or snake can be turned over, and the child can try to assemble the shape without the numbers.

The teacher can decide how big to make these teaching aids, but as a guide, they can be sawn from pieces of plywood about 12" x 4" for the fish and 12" x 3" for the snakes. The two and three piece snakes are only about half the length of the larger ones.

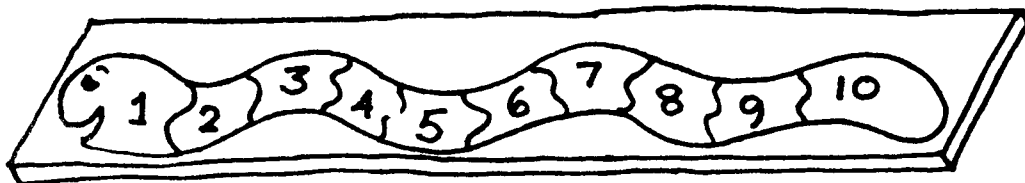
The blades of coping saws can easily break, so clamp the wood to the table to hold it tightly while sawing.

Instructions :

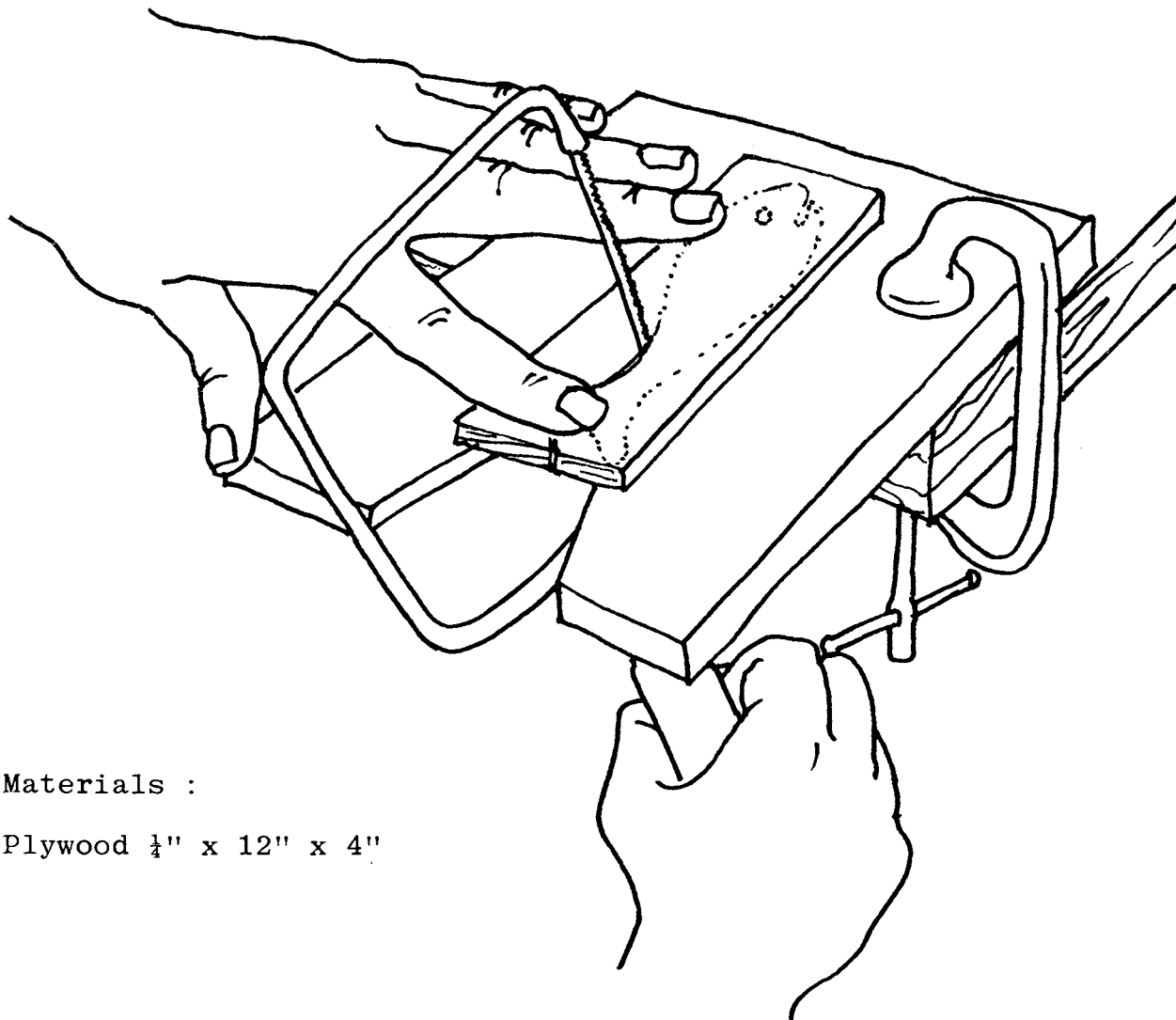
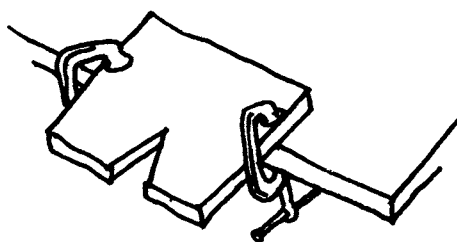
- 1 Draw shape on plywood
 - 2 Cut out with a coping saw
 - 3 Draw the ten shaped parts
 - 4 Cut out the shaped parts with a coping saw
 - 5 Glasspaper all parts
 - 6 Paint
 - 7 Number each part
- Each part can be painted a different colour



Coping saw



Sawing small pieces of wood is made easier if this little piece of equipment is made from wood $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" x 6". The V is 1" wide, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " deep.



Materials :

Plywood $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 12" x 4"

