

# Making a Shrink Box

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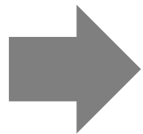
First, bore a hole through the center of a fresh green branch section.



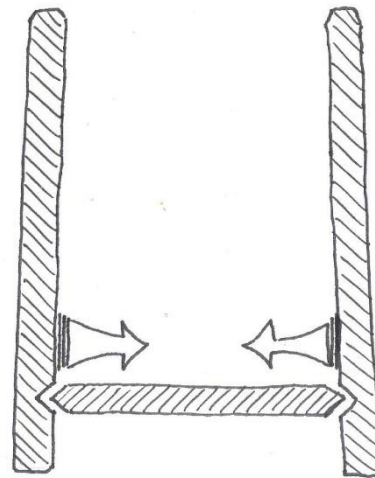
Saw away the waste end. Carve away the remaining wood inside until you achieve the inner form you want. You can also carve away the bark and any excess wood on the outside if you wish.



Carve a groove near the bottom. This can also be done with a carving knife.



Trace the exact shape of the bottom onto a dry thin board and carve it to shape, forming a v-profile on the outside edge that corresponds to the groove on the interior of the cylinder. Fit it into the groove. It will be loose at this point – but not for long. After a few days, the cylinder will lose moisture and shrink tightly around the bottom board, locking it permanently in the groove. You can then carve a lid and decorate the box as you wish.



The sides will constrict around the bottom.



Finished shrink boxes