

Constructing Tama (Bobbins) for Kumihimo Braiding

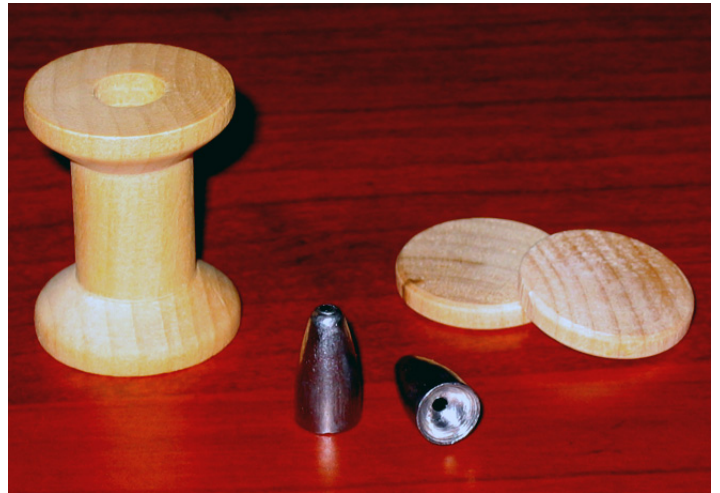
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Materials needed for eight tama:

<The wood parts for these bobbins are manufactured by Lara's Crafts and can be purchased at most craft stores. The weights can be found in most fishing supply stores>

- 8 Wood Spools 7/8" x 1-1/8"
(part # U10018, 3 per pkg)
- 16 Wood Circles 3/4"
(part # U10817, 6 per pkg)
- 16 Bullet Weights 1/8 oz.
(part # BW18, 12 per pkg)
- White Glue

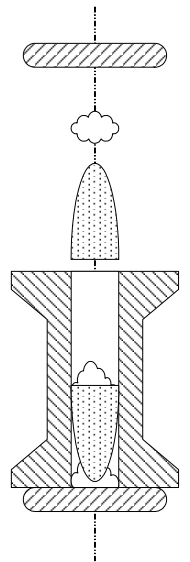


Assembly instructions:

Step 1: Cover one side of 1 wooden circle with white glue. Press it firmly onto one end of one of the spools. Make sure that it is centered and even. Wipe off any excess glue. Repeat for the rest of your bobbins and set them aside to dry for a few hours.

Step 2: Turn one bobbin open end up and drip four or five drops of white glue into the hole. Drop in one weight (point down) into the hole. Add two or three more drops of glue. Drop in the last weight (wide end down) and finish with several more drops of glue. Finally, secure a wooden circle over the hole as you did in Step 1. Repeat for the remaining bobbins and set them aside to dry for several hours.

Step 3: Run a thin bead of glue carefully around the rim of the wooden circle, where the circle and the spool join; smooth this down with a finger. Repeat for one end of each bobbin and set aside to dry. When dry, repeat for the other ends. Let dry overnight.



The resulting tama weighs approximately 0.44 oz (12.5 grams)

