

## A Medieval Toilet Seat

The toilet seat is a board, as shown below. In recreating this artifact I wanted to get as close as possible to the original. I used a 1 inch thick plank to construct it. The hole was made with a mallet and wood chisel, and the interior of the hole smoothed with a fine wood rasp. This rasp was also used to bevel the edge of the hole on the upward face of the plank. The result was sanded to prevent possible embarrassing splinters and the wood was treated with linseed oil to protect the wood and bring out the grain. This is probably more than was done to the original, but I like to put out a result that someone would be proud to use.

