

## "Home Brew" Root Beer Keg

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**H**ome brewing and soda-pop making are increasing in popularity. Many department stores now carry specialty beverage-making appliances to support this hobby. Join the craze and add some fun by making your own miniature "keg" for your dollhouse.

### What You'll Need:

- 1 1/4" oval wooden tubular bead with 8mm opening (Pepperell Braiding Company®)
- 3/4" round copper-tone metal "specialty magnetic snap" (Everything Mary Company®)
- 3/4" brass fastener
- 5mm plastic perler tube bead
- 6mm slender oval gold plastic bead
- 4" of 22-gauge copper wire\*
- 4" of 1/8"-wide double-face black satin ribbon\*
- 3/4" round plastic with metal edge counting chip (found at a local United Arts & Education Store)
- Craft cement
- Ruler, heavy-duty craft scissors or wire cutters, pliers (optional) and lightweight hammer (optional)



Materials for keg.

**1.** Separate pieces of the magnetic snap; discard the flat disc backings. Bend the prongs on each clasp half toward each other. Stuff each piece, prongs facing down, inside the opening of the wooden tube bead. Press

very firmly; lodge the snap pieces in as far as they will go. Tap lightly with a hammer, if needed, so that the flat edges of the snap pieces are as close to the edges of the wooden bead as possible.

**2.** Turn the bead so that it stands vertically, with the thicker snap piece on the bottom, forming the base. Cut the longer prong (blade) off the brass fastener. Add dab of glue on the cut end. Slide it between the base and the bottom of the wooden bead. Let dry.

**3.** Glue the perler bead onto the wooden bead, approximately 3/8" above the fastener blade.

**4.** Slide the oval gold plastic tube bead onto the middle of the copper wire. Using the photo as a guide, bend the wire into a square U shape around the tube bead; trim wire ends to 1/4", creating a handle. Glue the handle to the wooden bead as shown.

**5.** Glue the ribbon in a band around the top edge of the bead as shown; overlap edges at back 1/4". Trim excess.

**6.** Center the "barrel" over the "tray" by placing the bead unit on top of the counting chip. The strength of the magnet will hold the chip in place, but glue parts together if you prefer. Bend the fastener blade down as shown.

\*Waste length is included in the wire and ribbon measurements, because longer strips are needed for ease of handling during assembly.

Optional decor idea: Use extra counting chips in your dollhouse scene to simulate beverage serving trays.