

Trough for soaking wood

If, like me, you like curved shapes you will probably need to soak wood to make it more flexible for laminating. For indoor models a large sink or bowl is fine. However I am currently working on a 2m glider that has elliptical flying surfaces. When I start on the wings I will need to soak strips more than a metre long. Then I remembered that I had some spare guttering left over from a job. If you are not familiar with guttering you need a 3m length of 112mm half round gutter (Toolstation 81698 £5.13) and two 112mm half round stop ends (Toolstation 41043 £1.47 each). I thought I might need two mounting brackets to hold the assembly steady but in the end I found that it was stable without. One advantage is that you can cut the piece of gutter to a variety of lengths for different jobs.

Here are the parts



Here they are assembled



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