

## **3 Projects to**



## WESTERN-STYLE TRESTLE DESK AND BENCH

Simplified joinery makes this desk with a western flavor an easy one to build. The desk top gives a large work area and just below it is a generous-size storage bin. Though it's designed to withstand rough kid treatment, it goes together surprisingly fast.

Dowels  $(\frac{1}{2}'')$  are used throughout to assemble the pieces. Note that those at

the top pass through the rail and top board into the back. To assemble, drive them in from above, then saw and sandpaper them flush.

Though equally rugged, the bench is even easier to build. Cut the pieces as shown and assemble with the splayed legs set in 3" from each end at a 10-degree angle. Finish with stain and varnish.



## Make for the Youngsters



## EARLY-AMERICAN DOLL CRIB



Four square feet of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" plywood, 15 feet of 3/8" dowel, and some shop scrap—if put together in the shape of a crib—is sure to please the littlest lady of the house. Start the project by turning four posts from 1 1/8" stock. Next, cut the end panels and glue and assemble a pair of posts to each panel. After drilling and ripping two pair of rails, cut the dowels to length and assemble the sides. Finally, apply glue generously and assemble all parts using clamps. The crib shown was stained, then given two coats of orange shellac. A nursery decal at each end completes the job.



Easy to use once you have mastered the throwing knack, this top will spin on either end. To make it, turn a piece of maple or fruitwood to the dimensions shown. Then, using a hacksaw blade, cut the string-holding groove while the work spins in the lathe. Give the finished top a thorough sanding, followed by a coat of sealer.

To throw the top, place one end of the string in the groove and wind the balance over it. The knack is simply a whiplike, horizontal toss. To use as a Yo-Yo, tie the string on the spindle.

