

Build a chair for 24 euros



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Duration

About 3 hours in total (depending on time resources the duration can either be expanded or shrunk by already pre-building/doing some of the steps), also the chair doesn't need to be finished in the end, it's more about the teamwork/learning to use the tools.

Especially recommended for Climax Phase in the workshop, as joint workpiece production (alternative in Phase of "Action Plan and Group Building").

Key words

Activity part, Activation, Team(work), Using hands, Enabling to speak

[opt./alternative use for: The activity can be used as the end of workshop day 1 (if continued on day 2) or as highlight/opener on workshop day 2 for getting everyone back in action.]

The aim of the activity

- Participants get to work together,
- they get familiar with different tools and materials (you can lend in the library),
- get the chance to actually build something and learn new skills.

Materials needed

- **Tools:** clamps, drill, vacuum cleaner, saw (optional) preferably all of them from the Library of Things.
- **Material:** wood (already cut/brought in the right measures for saving time), wood glue
- **Plans** like Hartz 4 Möbel/24 Euro chair by Van Bo Le-Mentzel e.g.: www.genialokal.de/Produkt/Hartz-IV-Moebel-com_lid_18703608.html those social building plans are sometimes free of any charge and/or open source and you can order the plans e.g.: hartzivmoebel.blogspot.com

Preparation for the activity

Prepare tables to be worked on (so after a break or at the beginning of a day is the preferred time to set this activity), also it's useful to prepare the materials, check all the tools so there is no time loss.



Procedure

1. Explain what we are going to do. What tools we will be using, what we are going to build and how long it takes, so everyone has a picture of the activity. Explain the idea behind the 24 Euro chair (enabling people to build their own cheap furniture).
2. Let the participants loosely build teams, in Vienna groups of 3 to 5 people depending on knowledge/skills with crafting turned out to be a good size. Having 1 or 2 people from the organizing LOT (who have already built the chair themselves or know about building it) going around, helping the people if there are any problems.
3. If people flow, let them flow, time goes by very fast, when doing something like this. But if you see exhausted people, offer a (coffee) break or something.
4. Talk about the experiences. What new have I learned? How did I experience the crafting part?

Significant benefits of the activity

- Using hands: Having the feeling of actually doing something.
- Getting in touch: No artificial speaking situation, talk freely with other participants “on the job”.
- Exercise under corrective supervision: Activity is not only about creating something new by your own, but also about training skills (like drilling) you also need to repair something.

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Sources of Activity

- Description by Library of Things project team (by Mae and Clement)
- Inspiration to Hartz 4 Möbel/24 Euro chair by Van Bo Le-Mentzel

LOT-Project-Team LEARNING – REFLECTION TO THE ACTIVITY (Vienna, 10/2020): Some resources are needed but the activity turned out to be a great thing for everyone. You can use it to build new objects for your Library as well. People learned new skills and forgot time around them. We couldn't finish the chairs but everyone really was in the zone, doing something as a group as a team, enjoying themselves