Splatoon Ink Tank Tutorial

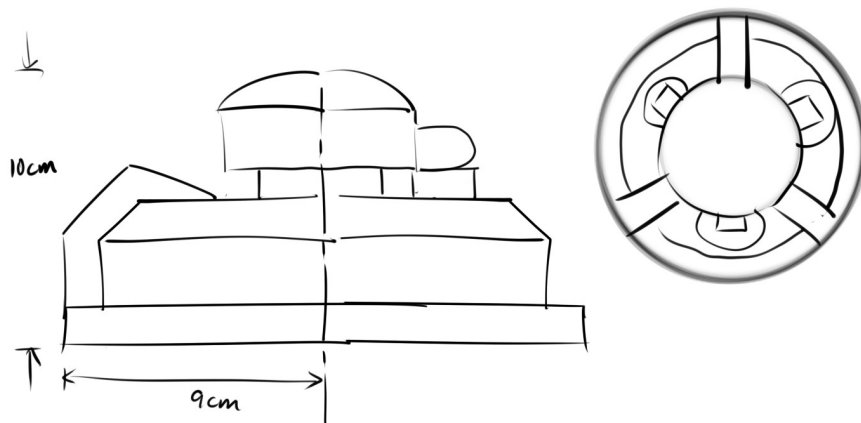## by stupjam

Introduction

Splatoon is a video game about squids that shoot Super Soakers. This guide details how to build a non-functioning backpack prop out of basic materials. It took me over sixty hours but I bet you can build it faster.

Materials

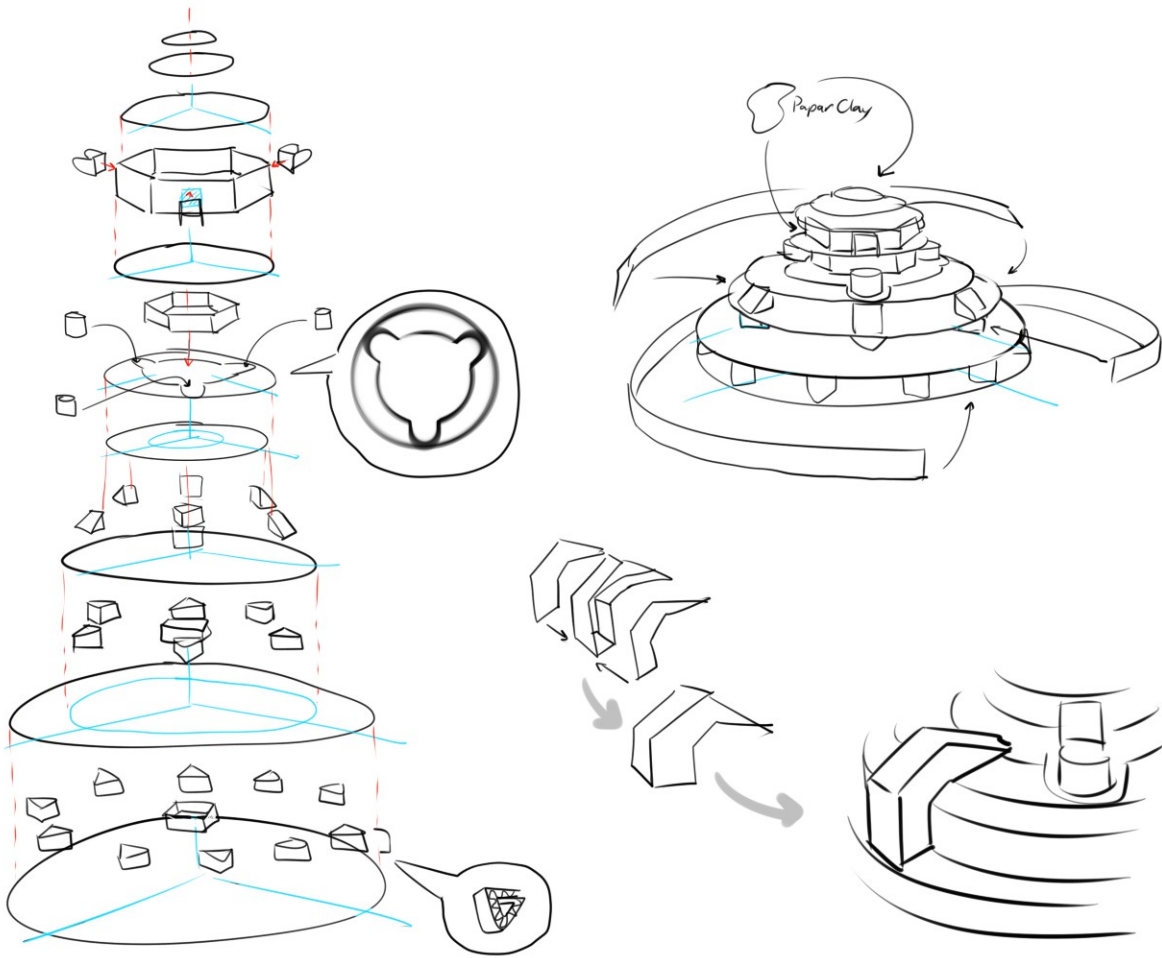|		
-corrugated cardboard	-Paperclay	-pliers
-smooth cardboard	-acrylic paint	-compass/ruler
-6" mailing tube	-Mod Podge	-sponge/paint brush
-belt with buckle	-adhesive backed Velcro	-scissors/xacto/boxcutter
-Alice straps	-2 1" Velcro straps	-Dremel, cutter head
-2 1" D-rings	-masking tape	-spray gloss finish

Steps

1.) Measure

Create a blueprint matching the top of mailing tube. I used 6" (16 cm) diameter tube.
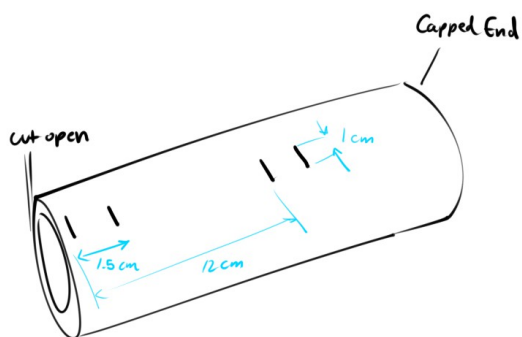
2.) Build Cap

Cut and assemble most pieces from smooth cardboard, but use corrugated cardboard for support structures. Glue together by brushing surfaces with Mod Podge. Smooth out the top cap with paperclay. Add more if cracks appear upon drying. Wait 12-24 hours before painting.
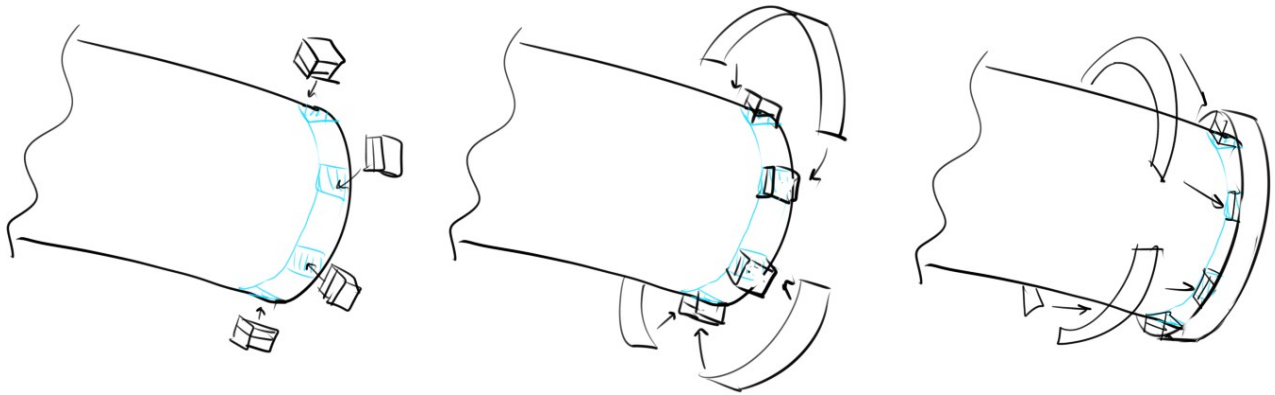
3.) Paint.
Apply 2-3 layers of gesso and then 2-3 layers of paint. Spray gloss finish.

4.) Canister Cut

Use Dremel or saw to cut open mailing tube. Mine is about 48 cm long, but adjust for your own body. Cut slits. These are where the straps will go.

5.) Butt Ring
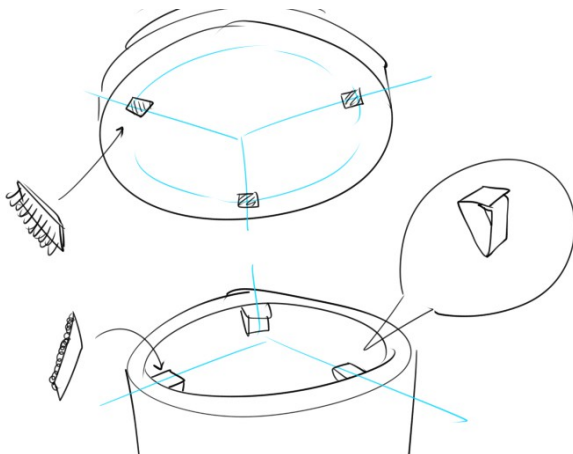

On the bottom end

6.) Paint

Use 2-3 layers of paint. When dry, affix masking tape and then paint the detailed graduated marks.

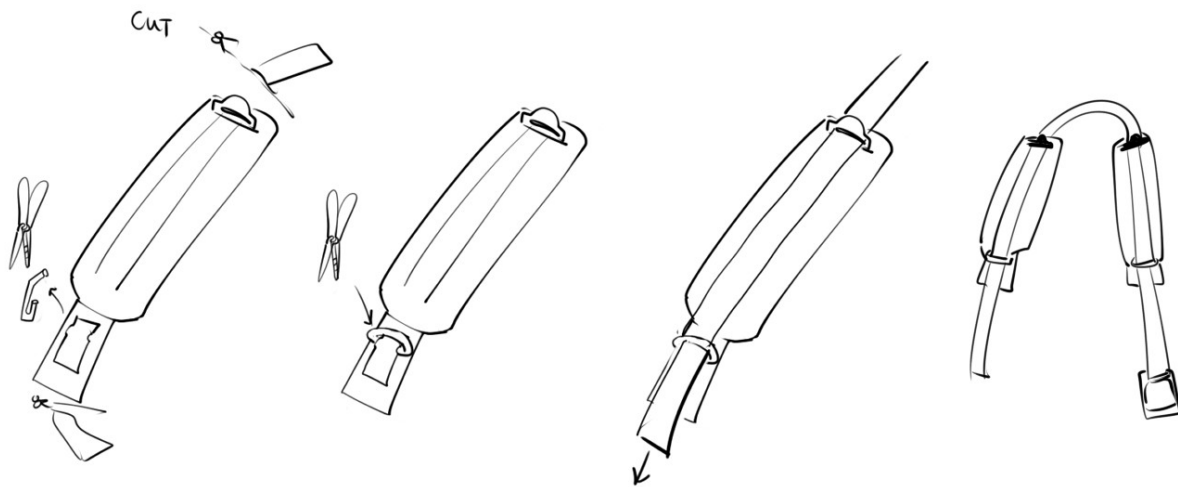The marks are opposite the slits.

Spray gloss finish.

7.) Velcro

Glue card board tabs inside the canister. Cut small adhesive backed Velcro squares and affix them to the tabs and bottom of cap.
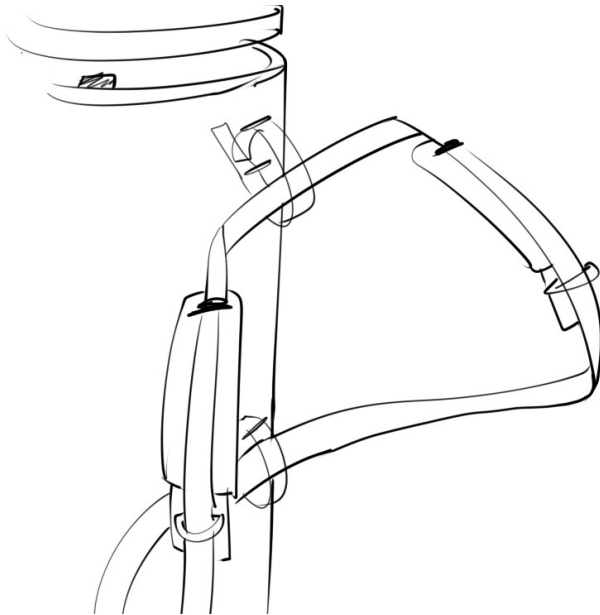
Make sure to line up the tabs properly with orientation of cap.

8.) Straps

Trim Alice straps and use pliers to put in D-rings. Slide in belt through straps as shown. Any 1-inch width belt will do.

9.) Assembly

Loop Velcro straps through slits to attach other strap. Place cap on canister. Adjust straps as needed, buckle up.

Reference Images

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