

Plateway Models

T Shaped Door Handles

The door handles are T-shaped and are made out of split cotter pins and cocktail sticks which are easy to replace if damaged. To make them thread the cocktail stick through the split pins so that they are 6 to 8 mm apart, when happy cut the cocktail stick with a sharp craft knife and cutting board. Round the cut ends with sandpaper. Drill some 1.6 mm holes in an off cut of wood, stand up, paint, cut the split pins to length with a sharp pair of side cutters, true up the cut ends if needed, fit.

Notes:

1. Sometimes the cocktail sticks are tight and sometimes they are loose, if so the split pins will then need to be squeezed or eased.
2. Usually, holding onto the cocktail stick, taking care not to impale yourself and using a pair of pliers to grip and slide the split pins along works well. The first split pin being the tightest and worst.
3. Cutting the cocktail sticks first and then trying to thread them on will only produce kindling and frustration.



