Make A Simple Bugsy Gun!





There are loads of great designs for Bugsy Malone ‘Splurge Guns’ but they can be quite complicated to make... here’s a very simple plan that can be made in plywood, MDF or even scrap cardboard from old boxes... cut your Bugsy Gun out, decorate it with paints, tape or marker pens and have some fun!

(You could even try fixing a can of ‘Silly String’ or party foam to the front magazine with some Gaffer Tape so you can shoot your friends...)

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materials

The design is best made with thin wood or ply. A jigsaw is great but we have kept the outline very simple so it is possible to make it just with straight cuts. You can decorate your gun when it is finished with acrylic paints, varnish and tape, or even permanent marker pens.

Start with a piece of thin wood, ply (5mm-7mm) or MDF (10-15mm). Ply is much stronger and less likely to break. You can make one gun out of a piece about 61cm long and 15cm wide (approximately 2foot by 6inches so it comes out of standard 6x4foot or 8x4foot ply sheets you can buy at builders merchants like B&Q. Use mdf if you don't have ply but take special care to drill the four holes marked as these make the shape a little bit stronger in the sharp corners where MDF will tend to crack.

If you can't get ply or don't feel like doing the sawing then use several layers of strong corrugated card stuck together with glue, double-sided tape or Gaffer tape. Another material you can try is thick polystyrene or hard insulating foam (it's not very strong on its own but if you stick a sheet of thin strong card or 'foam-core' from an art shop to each side first and then cut your shape out carefully with a sharp knife you should find that makes the polystyrene much less likely to snap). Card is also a good surface if you want to paint or colour in your gun when it's made.

paper template for marking out

Print out the three template sheets to A4 size. Overlap them so the drawing pins match up and tape them together. You can either cut out the shape round the dotted line or just use an old ball point pen to press through into the wood where the corners of the lines are and draw the lines in pen or pencil ready to cut out.

drilling and cutting out

The drill holes are important if you use MDF as it tends to crack where there is a sharp corner. When you have marked the outline shape, drill the four holes using a wood or metal drill to give nice clean holes. The best drill size is about 4-8mm.

Now make your sawcuts, being extra careful when sawing the long thin barrel as this is the most fragile part of the gun especially if you are using MDF.

The cutting order is not terribly critical but you might find it helpful to follow our little guide (see snaps).

More design ideas for working splurge guns at:

www.movingimage.org.uk/

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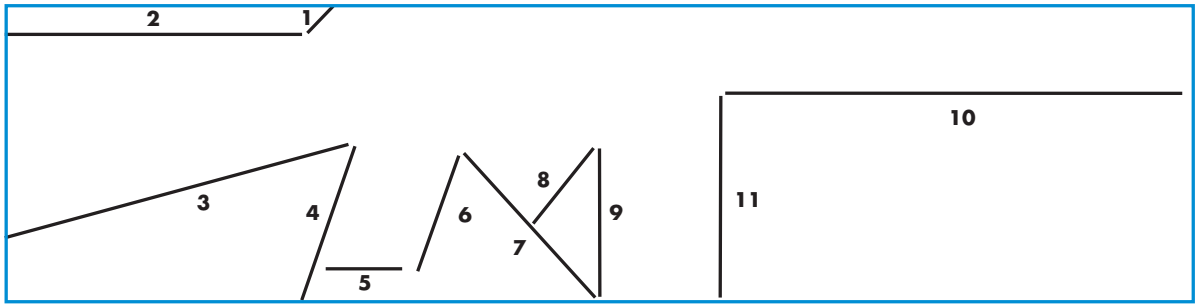
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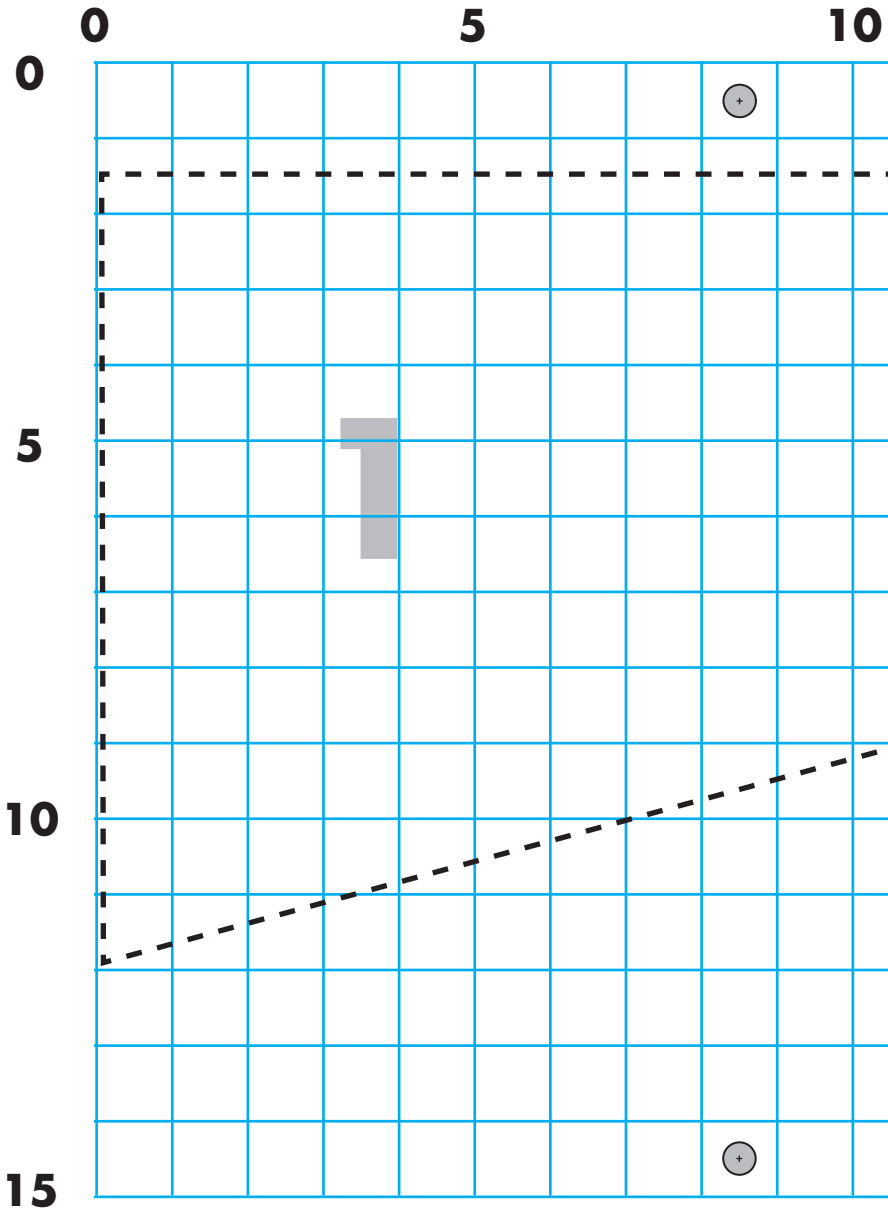
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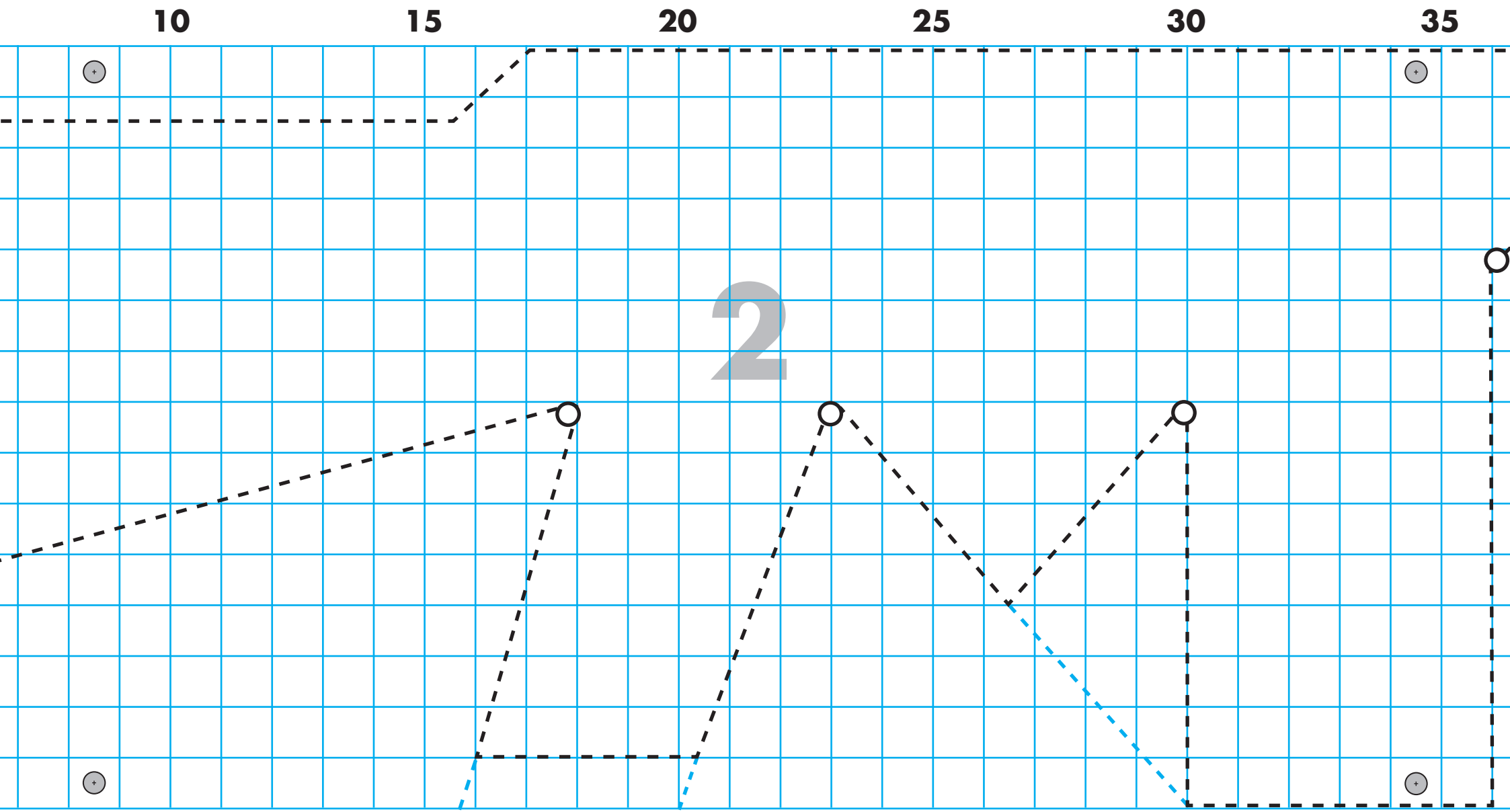
use the template to cut out your gun in plywood, MDF or thick corrugated cardboard.

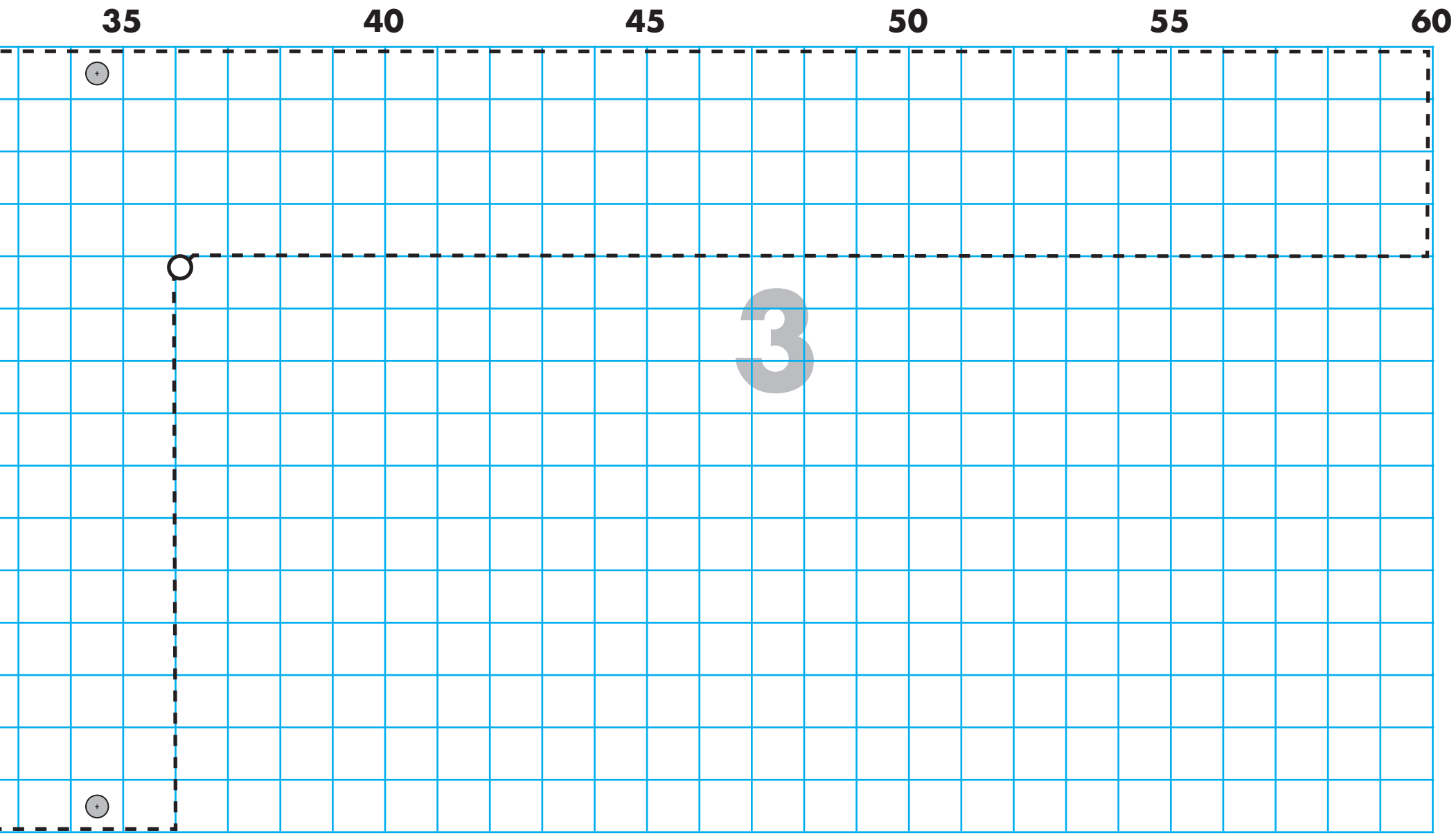




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