

## Battledore

- cut 2 from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick lumber
- Sand all surfaces
- decorate if desired

## Making a "Medieval Badminton Set"

To make a shuttlecock, you will need a cork and 6-8 duck feathers. A standard wine cork, a #9 tapered cork, or a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " ball cork will work, too. Feel free to substitute a similar size & weight feather of a different type.

Using an awl, make pilot holes in one end of the cork (or around the "equator" if using a round cork) for the feathers. Insert the feathers and trim evenly, if desired.

Players hit the shuttlecock back and forth using the battledores, trying not to let the shuttlecock hit the ground. No net was used.

Versions of battledore and shuttlecock first appeared around 2,000 years ago.

Many players kept records of their longest hit streaks. In the early 19th century, one family boasted 2,117! Can you beat that?



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