"Pecky" the Door Knocker

A fun project for a beginning woodworker, the door knocker also makes a great gift! A full size cutting and painting pattern is below.

Materials:

- 1 - 1" x 4" x 14" (hardwood preferred) cut into 2 pieces (1 - 6 1/2" and one will be used to cut out the bird shape)
- 1 - 6d finishing nail for hinge
- 12" of strong cord (or use a cloth or leather shoe lace)
- 1 - 5/8" wire nail to attach cord to Pecky’s breast
- 4 - 1: wire brads to attach side clocks
- paints or stain (in colors indicated, or as you wish)
- rounded chisel

Directions:

- Cut out the back board 6 1/2" long and sand edges. Paint or stain as desired.
- Using the full size pattern, trace Pecky’s body onto the remaining board. Mark out the side blocks along one edge. Cut out all three pieces and sand.
- Mark and drill nail hinge or pivot holes in the side blocks and through the bird shape. Make sure they all line up and are slightly larger than the nail so Pecky can pivot on the nail.
- Drill a 1/4" hole for the cord through the back board. Clamp the board securely to a table and use a chisel to make a channel from the hole to the bottom edge of the board large enough to hold the cord.