

How to Build a Hovercraft with Your Leaf Blowers

Now this may not be the most maintenance friendly tip, but it's a really fun thing to do with your kids and the kid in you.

You will need:

Materials:

- 4' X 4' 5/8" inch plywood
- heavy-duty shower curtain
- 1/4" inch machine bolt 1 1/2" long with nut
- Cordless leaf blower
- 2 large washers
- Duct Tape

Tools:

Jig Saw, Staple Gun, Drill, Utility Knife, Pencil, String, 1/4 & 1/2" drill bits.

Cut a 4' circle from the plywood. Put your leaf blower slightly off center and figure out where the nozzle ends up on the circle—trace around the nozzle and cut the hole so it will fit nice and snug in the plywood.

Lay the shower curtain down flat and place the plywood circle on top. Fold the shower curtain up and around the edges of the plywood and use a staple gun to secure it all along the perimeter of the circle. Cut off the excess curtain and seal the edge with duct tape. Don't skimp. This needs to be airtight.

Drill a 1/4-inch hole through the center of the plywood/tarp and through the center of the paint can lid.

Feed the bolt through a washer and the paint can then through the shower curtain side of the craft. Secure with a washer and the nut on the top wood exposed side. Cover the screw head with duct tape to avoid scratching the floor.

Use a utility knife or hobby knife to carefully cut 6 evenly spaced holes into the tarp material in a circle about 10 inches from the center. The holes should be about 1.5 inches wide. (use a quarter to trace the circles.)