

A Cedar or Redwood deck board can be used to make shake shingles for G scale buildings.

1. Cut off one end of the board, the distance being equal to how long you want your shingle. I make my shingles 1 1/4 inches.



2. Construct a simple jig that holds the Redwood cut off piece between two guards. I made mine too wide to begin with, so I inserted a couple of spacers on each side, between the guards and the Redwood section.

3. Be sure to have a nice, wide base for this jig to sit on.

4. Nail or glue a thin piece of thin wood to the base of the jig, where the end of the Redwood section comes sliding out the jig. This acts as a stop block.



5. Use a knife to line up the cut, and then use a hammer to pound it into the end of the Redwood, thus slicing off a "shingle." Any knife you are willing to hit with a hammer will do.

6. The stop block sets the thickness of the shingle, but there is some space to "play" with.

