

# Arc Welded Stump

This project begins with a 3" length of round steel tube and a round piece of plate to cap one end.

Cut the round steel using the bandsaw or metal cutoff saw. Cut the plate using the plasma cutter or oxy/acetylene torch.

Weld the plate on to cap the end and grind it down flush to the outside of the pipe.

Run ARC welder beads along the outside of the pipe to mimic the look of bark on a tree.

When the surface is covered with beads, cool the metal and chip off the slag.

Use the wire wheel to polish the surface and grind the top and bottom flat and smooth.

An option is to fabricate an axe to add to the top. You could use a piece of welding rod and a small piece of steel to fabricate the axe.

Grind a small slot in the top of the stump and weld or braze the axe head in place.