A RECIPE FOR COMPLETE DUMMIES

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There’s an old song that will be familiar to most readers:

I took a leg from some old table, I took an arm from some old chair,
I took a neck from some old bottle, and from a horse I took some hair (I took some hair).
And then I put them all together with some paste and tar and glu-u-ue
And I get more lovin’ from a doggone dummy than I ever got from you!

But even a dummy is an inadequate lover if it only has limbs, neck and hair. So I’ve worked out a recipe for a complete dummy. Take the following ingredients, scale up or down to size, mix and voila! Many need to be scaled up or down to fit metrically. Forget rhyme. All are nouns, but some are forced. A few are abstract, but dummies have feelings, too.

I took a ______ from some old ______ …

head, navy ship
brain, coral reef
bridge, fiddle
tympanum, orchestra
tube, subway
iris, garden
cheek, hammer
lip, jug
gum, vending machine
lung, bellows
bowel, ship
crotch, pants
egg, cheerleader
body, salvage yard
bust, narc
wrist, rod pin
knuckle, hinge
digit, number
rib, umbrella
belly, archer
back, football team
bone, corset
shin, climber
ankle, shoe strap
toe, golf club
heart, deck of cards
bladder, bagpipe
nerve, daredevil

skull, pirate flag
scalp, ticketeer
nose, wine
anvil, blacksmith
eye, hurricane
pupil, school
beard, raven
mouth, river
tongue, shoe
stomach, stoic
colon, sentence
privates, army
womb, belly dancer
torso, statue
trunk, attic
hand, croupier
palm, beach
thumb, ovolo
breast, coal mine
waist, violin
pelvis, kidney
lap, runner
thigh, lisper
foot, yardstick
limb, tree
atrium, Roman house
vessel, shipyard
kidney, beans

pate, ceramics studio
face, clock
ear, cornstalk
hammer, toolshed
lid, jar
lens, microscope
wrinkle, plot
jaw, vise
throat, sail
guts, brave
loon, butcher
pussy, pet shop
ball, pitcher
abdomen, snowman
shoulder, road
paw, maw
prints, photographer
nail, carpenter
nipple, baby bottle
navel, orange
humerus, clown
hip, rosebush
knee, angle brace
heel, cobbler
flesh, peach
valve, pump
vein, ore body
liver, survival group
temple, loom
brow, mineshift
lobe, leaf
stirrup, ostler
lash, whip
orbit, planet
fold, shepherd
teeth, comb
pipe, tobacconist
appendix, book
groin, vault
ovary, flower
cock, farmyard
chest, pirate
elbow, macaroni
maw, paw
finger, bartender
quick, hedge
tit, bird nest
spine, book
radius, circle
calf, cow
joint, hippie
sole, ocean
fat, rich cat
muscle, beach
artery, highway

cell, prison

A more logological but less tangible approach would be to find all these body parts embedded not in other objects or concepts but in other words or phrases, like THE ADvent, flaSK ULLage, SCALPeL, PATEnt, systEM PLEnitude, coBRA INfundibulum. I leave that to others.