



## Wood Carving Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Wood Carving merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/wood-carving/wood-carving-pamphlet.pdf>

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/wood-carving/wood-carving-cpp.pdf>

**REQUIREMENT 1a:** Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while wood carving, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.

HAZARD #1

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Lessen:



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### HAZARD #2

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Lessen:



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HAZARD #3

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Lessen:



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HAZARD #4

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Lessen:



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### HAZARD #5

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Lessen:



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HAZARD #6

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Lessen:



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**REQUIREMENT 1b:** Show that you know first aid for injuries that could occur while wood carving, including minor cuts and scratches and splinters.

### MINOR CUTS:

Prevention:

Symptoms:

Treatment:

### SCRATCHES:

Prevention:

Symptoms:

Treatment:



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### SPLINTERS:

Prevention:

Symptoms:

Treatment:

**REQUIREMENT 2a:** Earn the [Totin' Chip](#) recognition.

**MOST CLASSES DO NOT COVER THIS REQUIREMENT. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR TOTIN' CHIP CARD.**

### Totin' Chip

*This certification grants a Scout the right to carry and use a pocket knife and / or use a hand axe or saw. A Totin' Chip Card will be issued upon completion of the requirements; however, a Scout's Totin' Rights can be taken from them if they fail in their responsibilities. This Totin' Chip Card is to be in the possession of a Scout anytime they carry a pocket knife or use their pocket knife, a hand axe, or saw during a Scout outing. The Scout must show their Scout Leader, or someone designated by their leader, that they understand their responsibility to do the following requirements.*

#### Requirements:

1. Read and understand woods tools use and safety rules from the *Scout Handbook*
2. Demonstrate proper handling, care, and use of the pocket knife, ax, and saw
3. Use knife, ax, and saw as tools, not playthings
4. Respect all safety rules to protect others
5. Respect property. Cut living and dead trees only with permission and with good reason
6. Subscribe to the Outdoor Code





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**REQUIREMENT 2b:** Discuss with your counselor your understanding of the Safety Checklist for Carving.

### SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR CARVING

#### 1. PERSONAL MATURITY AND JUDGMENT

- ☐ Knives and other carving tools are not toys and should never be thrown
- ☐ At home, carve only with your parent's approval
- ☐ Carve only when you can focus on your work and are alert, and limit visiting while carving
- ☐ Never bring a knife to school without permission
- ☐ Never engage in horseplay around knives

#### 2. CARING FOR YOUR TOOLS

- ☐ Keep your tools and knives sharp and free from rust and dirt
- ☐ If you are old enough to use power tools, make sure you understand how to use them properly
- ☐ Wear protective gear such as safety glasses and, when appropriate, a dust mask
- ☐ Store tools in a safe place and away from children
- ☐ Never use a knife to pry something open

#### 3. CONTROLLING THE WORK ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ Use a clamp or bench stop for better control when carving small or oddly shaped objects; use a plastic mat or bench stop for extra control and safety
- ☐ Use a clamp to hold down wood when using a coping saw
- ☐ Use a safety table with a sturdy chair and adequate lighting
- ☐ Cover the table to protect its surface; keep adequate space around you with no one else close enough to bump you
- ☐ Keep your elbow on the table for more control so you will be less likely to get cut

#### 4. HANDLING KNIVES

- ☐ Never pass a knife across other people at the table
- ☐ Never carve in your lap or near your face
- ☐ Take small, well-placed carving strokes that give you more control over your work
- ☐ Never "muscle" a project when carving
- ☐ Always make sure your knife is sharp. Dull knives are dangerous knives
- ☐ Never hammer the top of a knife to make a cut

#### 5. MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

- ☐ Choose the right wood for the project
- ☐ Start with simple projects
- ☐ When laying out projects, have plenty of space for cutting them out

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**REQUIREMENT 3a:** Explain to your counselor, orally or in writing, the care and use of five types of tools that you may use in a carving project.



**TOOL #1:**

Name:

How to care for:

How to use:

**TOOL #2:**

Name:

How to care for:

How to use:



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TOOL #3:
Name:
How to care for:
How to use:
TOOL #4:
Name:
How to care for:
How to use:
TOOL #5:
Name:
How to care for:
How to use:



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**REQUIREMENT 3b:** Tell your counselor how to care for and use several types of sharpening devices, then demonstrate that you know how to use these devices.

### SHARPENING DEVICE #1:

Name:

How to care for:

How to use:

### SHARPENING DEVICE #2:

Name:

How to care for:

How to use:

### SHARPENING DEVICE #3:

Name:

How to care for:

How to use:



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### SHARPENING DEVICE #4:

Name:

How to care for:

How to use:

**REQUIREMENT 4:** Using a piece of scrap wood or a project on which you are working, show your counselor that you know how to do the following:

- |               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| a. Paring cut | b. Basic cut and Push cut |
| c. "V" cut    | d. Stop cut or score line |

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**REQUIREMENT 5:** Tell why different woods are used for different projects.

Notes:



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**REQUIREMENT 5:** Explain why you chose the type of wood you did for your projects in requirements 6 and 7.

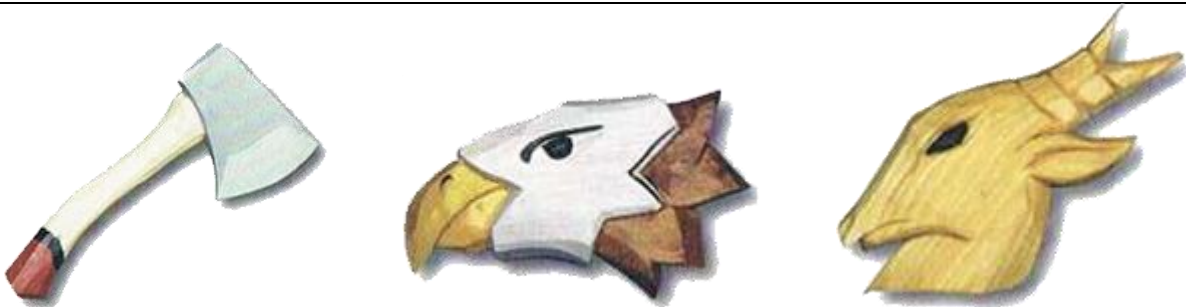
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**REQUIREMENT 6:** Plan your own or select a project from this merit badge pamphlet and complete a simple carving in the round.

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**REQUIREMENT 7:** Complete a simple low-relief OR a chip carving project.

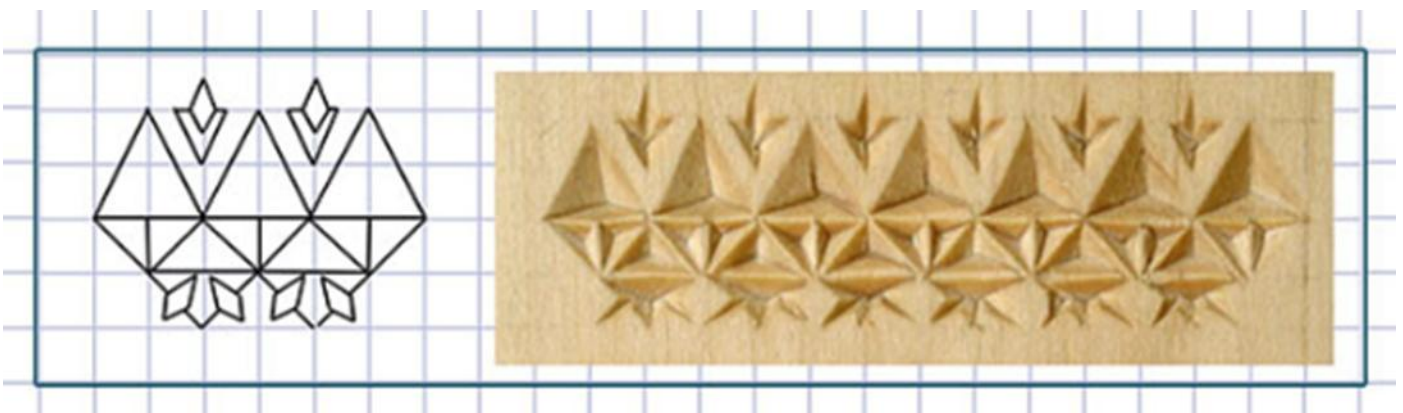
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**RELIEF CARVING**



**CHIP CARVING**