

WOOD CARVING

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Target Group:

Any Scout

Times Allotted:

Five, one-hour blocks

Pre-Requisites:

None

Materials Needed—Staff:

Wood Carving tools
Sharpening stones
Wood Carving Merit Badge book
Wood blocks for projects

Materials Needed—Scout:

None

Instructional Outcomes:

Scouts will learn proper techniques in the art of Wood Carving. In so doing they will carve one neckerchief slide and one relief carving as well as demonstrate proper safety procedure when using wood carving tools. Scouts will also demonstrate various types of knowledge with regards to wood types for different projects and safety techniques.

MONDAY

Requirement 1

- a. *Explain to our 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.*
- b. *Show that you know first aid for injuries that could occur while wood carving, including minor cuts and scratches and splinters.*

- **Discuss possible injuries and how you would treat them**

Requirement 2

- a. *Earn the Totin' Chip recognition.*
- b. *Discuss with your merit badge counselor your understanding of the Safety Checklist for Carving.*

- **Go over each of these points with the scouts**

Requirement 3

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

- **Show each tool and cover their names and uses.**
- **Have Scouts practice sharpening tools.**
- **After each point has been covered, end the activity with a question-and-answer period allowing the scouts to demonstrate knowledge of what you have discussed**

Make sure Scouts go to the Trading Post to get their neckerchief slide.

TUESDAY

Requirement 6

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

- **Use the neckerchief slide as the project**

Requirement 4

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

- Paring cut*
- Push cut and levering cut*
- "V" cut*
- Stop cut or score line*

- **Discuss safety before starting project**
- **Review Tool names and uses**
- **Insure that each scout uses the techniques on their slide project**

WEDNESDAY

Requirement 5

Tell why different woods are used for different projects. Explain why you chose the type of wood you did for your projects in requirements 6 and 7.

- **Discuss the wood types, where they might be used, and why the wood type was chosen for the projects.**
- **Discuss safety before starting project work**
- **Review Tool names and uses**
- **Continue the slide project.**

THURSDAY

Requirement 7

Complete a simple low-relief OR a chip carving project.

- **Discuss safety before starting project work**
- **Review Tool names and uses**
- **Provide the carving block. Have Scouts write their initials in bubble letters on the block and carve them in relief.**
- **Scouts should be finishing their slide project**

FRIDAY

- **Discuss safety before starting project work**
- **Review Tool names and uses**
- **Scouts should be finishing their relief project**