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Requirements

1. Do the following:
 - a. 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.
 - b. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while wood carving, including minor cuts and scratches and splinters.
2. Do the following:
 - a. Earn the Totin' Chip recognition.
 - b. Discuss with your merit badge counselor your understanding of the Safety Checklist for Carving.
3. Do the following:
 - 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.
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:
 - a. Paring cut
 - b. Basic cut and push cut
 - c. "V" cut
 - d. Score line or stop cut
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.
6. Plan your own or select a project from this merit badge pamphlet and complete a simple carving in the round.
7. Complete a simple low-relief OR a chip carving project.



Resources

Scouting Literature

Deck of First Aid; Emergency First Aid pocket guide; Be Prepared First Aid Book; Woodwork merit badge pamphlet

Visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website (with your parent's permission) at <http://www.scoutstuff.org> for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books

Barton, Wayne. *The Complete Guide to Chip Carving*. Sterling, 2007.

Beiderman, Charles, and William Johnston. *The Beginner's Handbook of Woodcarving*. Dover Publications, 1988.

Butz, Richard. *How to Carve Wood*. Taunton Press, 1984.

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Tools and Supplies

If you have trouble finding supplies, try some of the places below. When you order, specify that you are a beginning wood carver so your project is not too difficult. All of the following businesses deal with carvers daily and can answer any question about wood-carving tools and supplies.

Bob Reitmeyer, whittler—wood craft supplies for Scouts

Website: <http://www.whittlerbob.com>
Source for neckerchief slide blanks.

Moore Roughouts

Toll-free telephone: 800-825-2657
Website: <http://www.roughouts.com>
Source of wood-carving blanks and tools.

Mountain Woodcarvers Inc.

Toll-free telephone: 800-292-6788
Website: <http://www.mountainwoodcarvers.com>
Sells wood-carving blanks, tools, and books.

Paul's Supplies

Telephone: 303-948-2767
Website: <http://www.paulssupplies.com>

Woodcraft

Toll-free telephone: 800-225-1153
Website: <http://www.woodcraft.com>
Retailer of wood as well as carving tools and books.

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