



# Wood Carving

## Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.

You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

**Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.**

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Boy Scout Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 637685).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2017 • This workbook was updated in June 2020.

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 that could occur while wood carving, including minor cuts and scratches and splinters.

Minor cuts and scratches:


Splinters:


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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.

	Type	Care & Use
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

- 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.

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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. Push cut and levering cut
  - c. "V" cut
  - d. Stop cut or score line

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 (*the Wood Carving*) merit badge pamphlet and complete a simple carving in the round.
- 7. Complete a simple low-relief OR a chip carving project.

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