

Introduction to Woodcarving and Tool Sharpening

SUGGESTED CARVING TOOL LIST, if purchased individually:

Five Gouge Chisels: #5 sweep, 12 mm- ½ inch; #8 sweep, 12 mm/ ½ inch; #8 or #9 sweep- 6 mm/ 1/4 inch; #7 sweep- 25 mm/ 1 inch; #5 sweep- 25 mm/ 1 inch; a small tapered blade carver's knife. A local source for these tools is Woodcraft Supply, 249 Spencer Street, Manchester, CT. *They carry high quality carving tools and sharpening stones, from several different manufacturers.*

OTHER NECESSARY TOOLS & MATERIALS:

2 inch by 4 inch Soft Arkansas Round Edge Slip Stone or Shinwa 1000 grit Round Edge Water Stone Slip Stone- Either is available at Sharpening Supplies.com or Woodcraft Supply, 249 Spencer Street, Manchester, CT

6 inch or 8 inch India Combination (rough & smooth) Bench Sharpening Stone. Norton is a good brand and these should be available at any hardware store.

3 Flat Carpenter's Chisels - ¼ inch, ½ inch and 1 inch. These should be available at any hardware store. *If you buy one of the sets listed above, they may include flat chisels, depending on which set you purchase.*

8 inch High x 4 inch Deep "C" clamp

8 inch x 12 inch x ¾ inch white pine board, free of knots

Small bottle of sharpening oil

Roll of paper towels

Audience for this class: Middle school students up to grandparents.

Best facility for this class: Art room or wood shop, if possible.

Number of students per class: 6-10, but no more than 12.

Number of meetings: 8, with three hours per meeting. Time preferred, evenings.

Total hours for this class: 24.

CARVING SETS AVAILABLE ONLINE:

These sets were all available in 2016 and the availability of such deals is constantly changing. Avoid sets that are not all gouges - such sets usually have several tools that are useless for carving purposes. All the sets listed look like they are probably good tools for the money. The Shop Fox set might be the best set of inexpensive tools available online at this time

Shop Fox Gouge Chisel 7 piece set- \$35.79 available from Optics Planet.Com: 800-504-5898. This same 7 piece set, part # 769433437806 is also available from Toolsandmore.com for \$28.56

Costway 12 piece wood carving set- \$28.95 SKU:TL30084 from service@costway.com

Listed under Chisels, King Canada Tools 12 piece wood carving set, K-1212, \$53.05, available on Ebay from seller Lumbermart1984.

Listed under Chisels, 4 piece wood carving set, all gouges, \$16.00, available on Ebay from seller Akika_008.

Grizzly 12 piece wood carving set- \$31.50, available from Sears. What looks like this same set is available from Amazon.com- \$17.00

Jet 13 piece wood carving set- \$23.15 from Jet.Com

I looked online and found 3 sets of tools that look like they may be OK. These were on Amazon in 2019.

KSEIBI 312141 industrial carving set- 12 piece kit, on Amazon- \$105.15

Schaff full size wood carving tools, set of 12 piece it, on Amazon- \$89.99. These look like good tools and are less expensive, probably the best deal available.

Sculptworks 16 piece carving tool set- on Amazon- \$29.97. A beginner's set- not sure how well they are made- they look like they will work, but they get very mixed reviews. This is a ridiculously low price, so they probably are not high quality tools.

If I had to choose, I would tell students to go with the Schaff set. It is 12 tools for \$90.00- that's only \$7.50 per tool! These look like tools that will last and be useful. I hope this is helpful. Thanks and good luck. - Randall Nelson