

# Project: Carved Boat

Level: Easy

Age: 7 and up

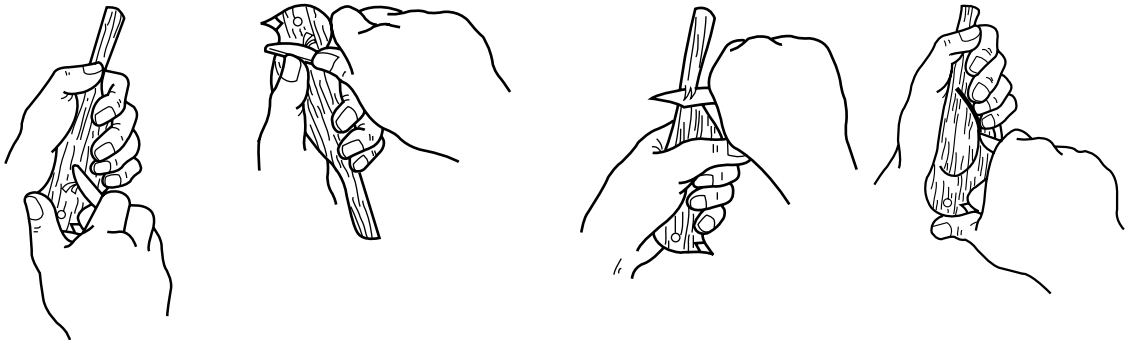
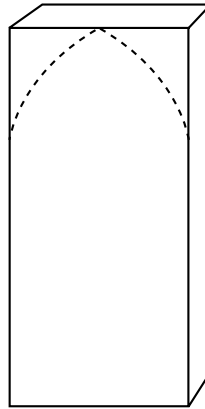
Materials needed: Block of balsa wood, coping saw, carving knife, fine sandpaper

One of the easiest projects to whittle is a small boat. You can even add a mast and a sail if you like, but we're going to concentrate on the boat itself.

Directions:

1. Draw a boat the size you want as if you were looking at it from the top. You'll want your wood to be as thick as you want the boat deep.
2. Cut out the basic shape with a jigsaw (an adult will have to do this) or by hand using a coping saw.
3. Finish shaping the boat with a carving knife or penknife, rounding out the edges as desired.
4. Rub lightly with fine sandpaper until smooth. Float!

*Cut along the dotted lines to create your carved boat.*



*How to hold a knife while carving.*