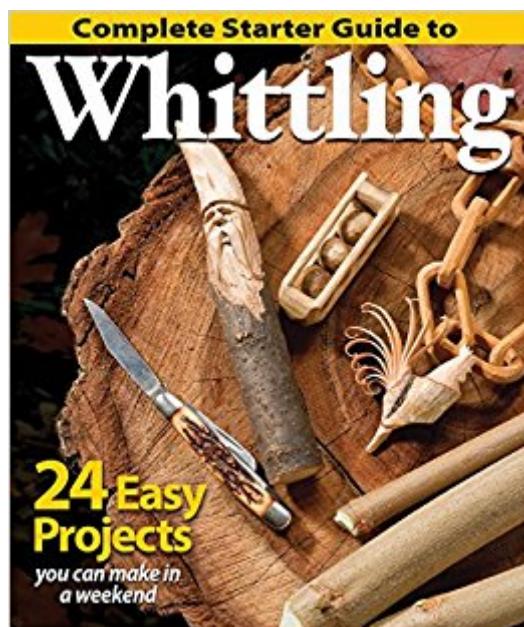


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# Complete Starter Guide To Whittling: 24 Easy Projects You Can Make In A Weekend (Best Of Woodcarving)



## Synopsis

You can whittle just about anything—â the only limit is your imagination. Itâs so easy to get started in this relaxing and rewarding hobby. All you need is a knife, a twig, and this book! Weâve assembled a team of 12 leading woodcarvers to bring you a complete starter guide to whittling. They present 24 easy whittling projects that you can make in just a weekend, complete with step-by-step instructions, how-to photographs, ready-to-carve patterns, and helpful tips. Start off with fast and fun projects that build confidence and teach fundamental carving techniques, like a simple flying propeller or a 5-minute owl. Then move on to create whittled wonders like a musical frog or a slingshot. We show you how to whittle complex designs in easy steps, so that youâll soon be carving attention-getting favorites like chain links or the classic ball-in-a-cage.

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What to look for when choosing a knife When selecting a pocketknife for whittling, there are a few things to keep in mind. Most carving tools are made from high-carbon steel. Some pocketknives have ten to twenty blades. These knives are generally less comfortable to use so look a knife with two or, at most, three blades, which should ensure the blades are conveniently placed. Look for a sheepsfoot blade—â one where the tip of the knife is closely aligned with the main

cutting edge, similar to a utility knife or standard bench knife. A locking blade keeps the sharp knife from accidentally closing on your fingers, which is a good safety feature. Selecting the ideal pocketknife for you is a matter of personal preference. The size of your grip compared with the size of the handle will greatly influence how comfortable the knife is to use over extended periods.

Most Projects are completed with 4 simple whittler cuts

**Push Cut** For the

push cut, hold the wood in one hand. Hold the knife in your other hand with the thumb on the back of the blade. Push the knife through the wood, away from your body.

**Pairing Cut** The paring

cut gives you a great deal of control but requires you to cut toward your thumb. Wear a thumb protector or be aware of where the knife could cut at all times, especially if it slips beyond the anticipated stopping point.

**V-Shaped Cut** This creates a V-shaped groove. Use the center of

the cutting edge to make intersecting angled cuts on the corner of a blank, creating V-shaped notches.

**Stop Cut** The stop cut is used to create a hard line at the end of another cut. Your hand position depends on the placement of the cut you need to make. Regardless of your hand position, simply cut straight into the wood to create a stop cut.

12 leading woodcarvers bring you this complete starter guide with 24 whittling projects

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24 easy-to-make whittling projects The five-minute wizard is a perfect

project for learning basic carving skills and is also well-suited for demonstration purposes. Tim Hindes displays carvings at gift shops, festivals, and art fairs; he whittles whenever he gets the chance. The five-minute wizard is a simple project that can be given away to spectators.

Step-by-step instructions, how-to photos, and ready-to-carve Once you've mastered the spreader, use the same technique to make variations such as a letter opener, a knife, a tapered skewer for cooking hotdogs, a toasting fork, or a spoon. How to whittle classic toys, useful gifts, and fun displays This simple project doesn't take long to finish and kids can play with it as soon as it's complete. Rick Wiebe uses white pine, but other soft woods, such as ponderosa pine, spruce, or basswood, will also work well. Avoid using really hard woods or woods that split easily.

Whittling techniques for twigs and branches Carving this type of flower is really not that uncommon. Many people do it. Chris Lubkeman shares his own take on a quick and fun little project, one that can be expanded upon and applied very widely using continuous piece of wood, usually a thin, close-grained twig or branch.

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- 24 easy-to-make whittling projects
- Step-by-step instructions, how-to photos, and ready-to-carve patterns
- How to whittle classic toys, useful gifts, and fun displays
- Whittling techniques for twigs and branches
- The four basic knife cuts that most whittlers use
- What to look for when choosing a whittling knife
- How to sharpen your knife for safe and enjoyable whittling

Woodcarving Illustrated is the leading how-to magazine for woodcarvers and includes patterns, tips and techniques from our many contributors, and inspiration to spur your imagination to make your own creations.

A number of interesting projects here, but as a "starter guide" it leaves a bit to be desired. There's just not enough on the basics- how to make different cuts, how to control the blade, characteristics of different woods, choosing wood, and a lot more that the beginner needs to know. One of the projects requires woodturning tools. This is not a book conceived from scratch but a collection of articles from Woodcarving Illustrated. What there is, is good, but the beginner needs a lot that isn't here.

I'm learning, the book is very helpful, I only wish there was information on what woods to use, there is a lot of information on knives.

good info book for ideas and such a good addition to other books I have

Great beginner book with excellent illustrations. I purchased it as a birthday gift for my 11 year old son who likes the projects.

Bought this as a gift, which the recipient loved. Has a lot of nice color photos so you can see steps of each project, but also does a good job of explaining what to do. Also has a good breakdown of types of cuts, tools, and woods to use. I'd say it's a good buy for anyone who is just starting to get into whittling.

Got this for my husband as part of his Father's Day gift. He had mentioned wanting to pick up wood whittling. This is a great little magazine for a beginner. It has a few different small started projects with easy to follow instructions. My husband was excited and very pleased.

Great book with lots of good pictures and step by step instructions.

Gift for grandson. Well written and easy instructions. Would order again

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