

Carving Tools & Materials - What Do I Need to Start?

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Recommended Tools and Materials

- Round headed carvers mallet (1 to 1.5 lb.) - Optional
- Fingerless bicycle or weight-lifting gloves (purchased at sports stores)
- Carbon paper or transfer paper to transfer designs (purchased at office supply or craft stores)
- Basswood blanks (at least 6" w x 6" l x 1" thick for beginner lessons - see lesson template for exact size)

Basic Starter Set:

5 or 6mm v-chisel

#3, 6mm

#3, 14mm

#5, 14mm

#7, 6mm

#7, 14mm

Additional Set #1

(This set offers additional sizes to fill in some gaps)

#1, 14mm flat chisel

#3, 3mm

#2 or #3, 18mm

#5, 6mm

#7, 10mm

#8, 10mm

#11, 3mm

Additional Set #2

(These tools complete a good set of gouges that cover most lessons for my school)

#1, 20mm

#4, 14mm (can use the #3, 14mm)

#6, 8mm

#7, 8mm

#7, 12mm

#8, 6mm

#10, 5mm

#11, 5mm

3 or 4mm v-chisel

Specialty gouges – (used only occasionally)

#4, 6mm spoon bent (for lowering the background in very low, awkward areas)

#8, 10mm spoon bent (ball and claw foot lesson)

6mm skew chisel

#5, 12mm back bent (for shell carving)

6 or 8mm skew flat chisel (for getting into those awkward, tight corners)