

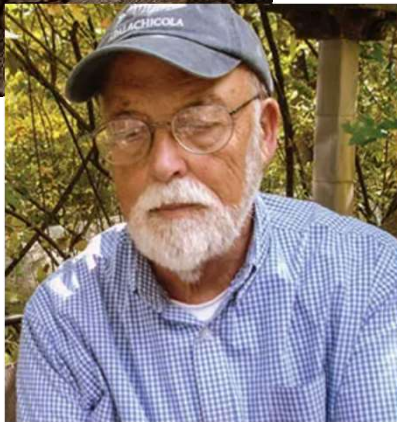
5-Minute Wizard

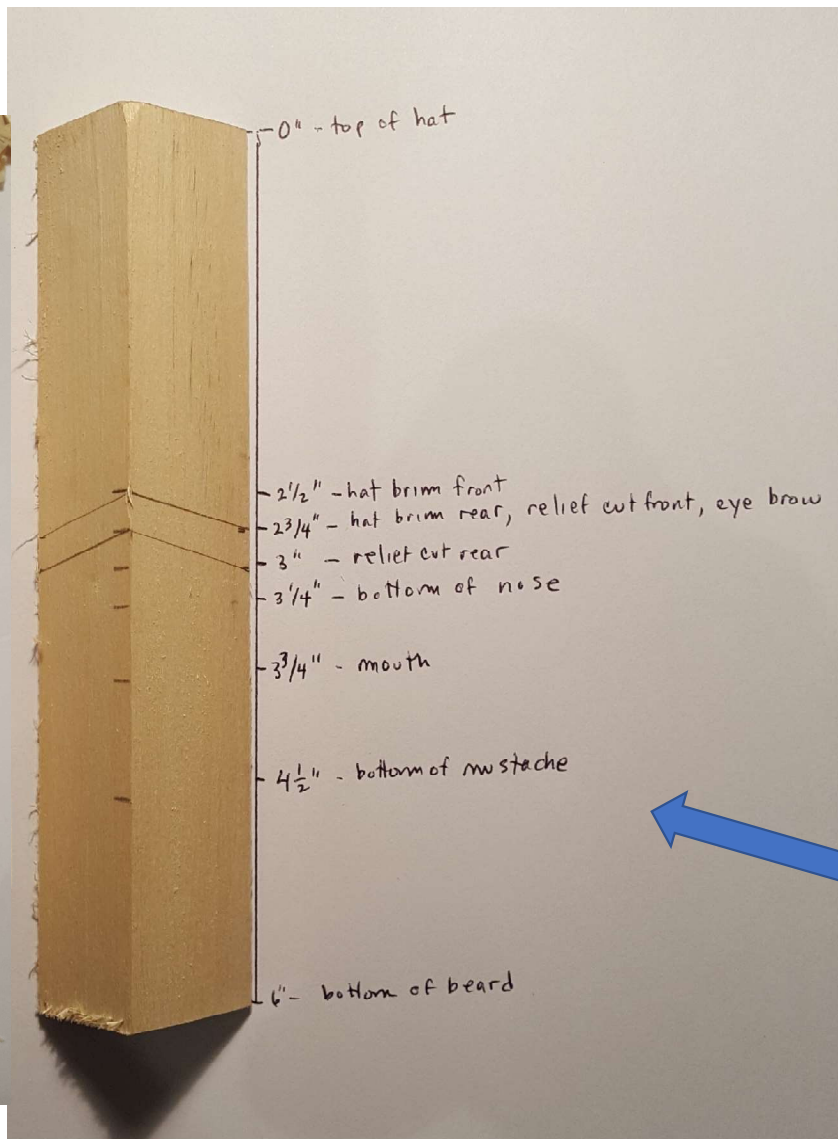
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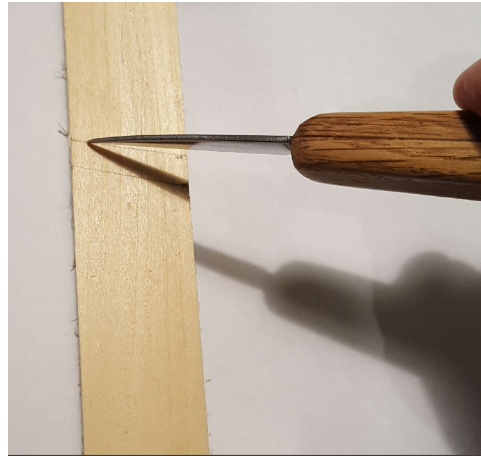
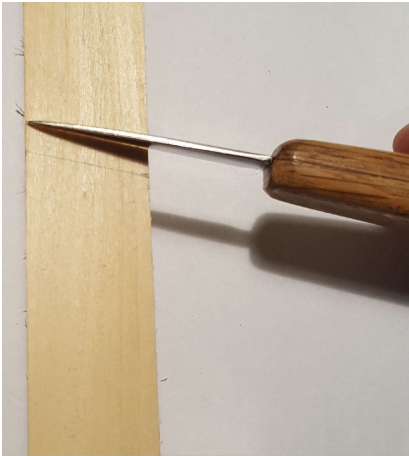


What you need:

- Wood blank (1X1X5-6")
- Carving knife & strop
- Hand safety protection
 - glove, thumb guard
- Ruler
- Pencil
- V-tool optional for hair

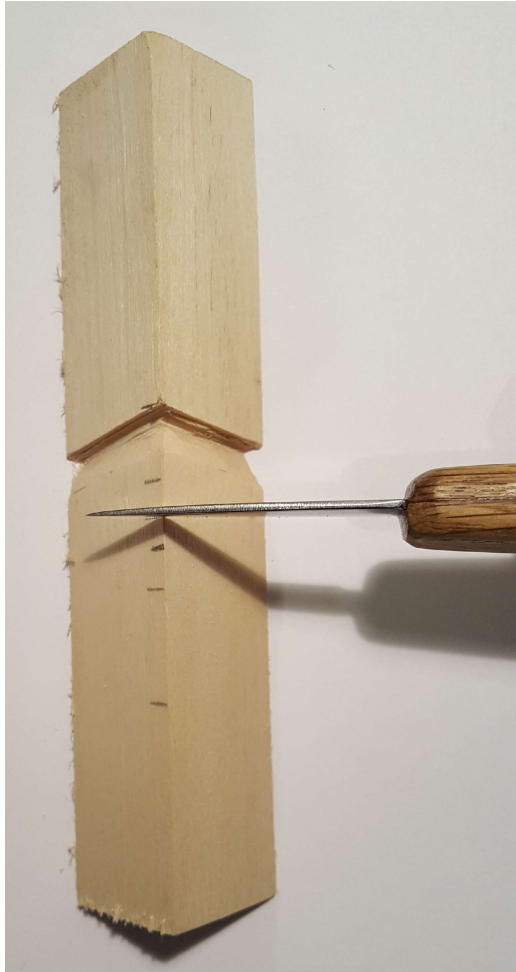
Mark the wood blank

Side View of Wood



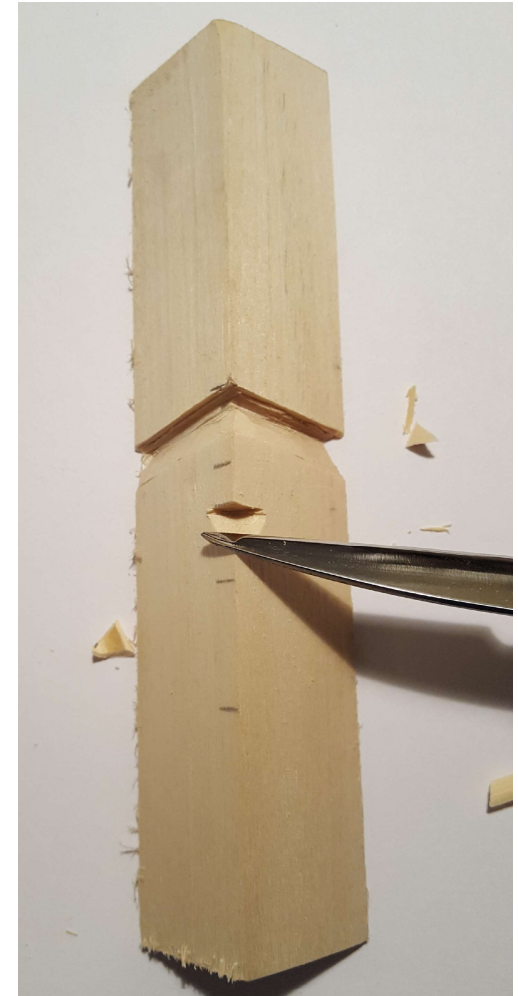
Bottom of Hat:

- 1. Mark diagonal line from the front peak to $\frac{1}{4}$ " lower at the back**
- 2. Mark another line $\frac{1}{4}$ " lower**
- 3. Make a cut on top line, using a flat or "slicing cut"**
- 4. Make a cut from bottom line, with knife at an angle ("stop cut")**
- 5. Repeat on the other side**



Bottom of Nose:

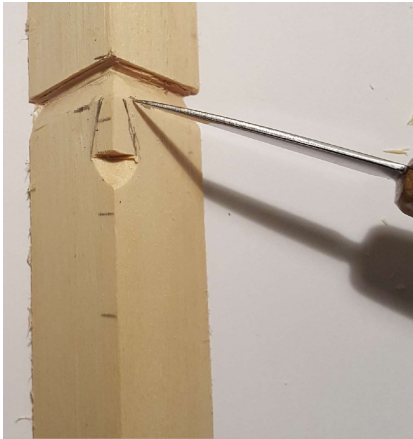
- 1. At the 3 1/4" mark on the front peak, make a slicing cut about 1/4" deep**
- 2. From about 1/4" lower on the front peak, make a diagonal stop cut up to the slicing cut**





Eyebrows and Nose Sides:

- 1. Mark eyebrows - with diagonal lines about $\frac{1}{4}$ " below the lower hat stop cut**
- 2. Mark nose sides - from start of eyebrow line to corner of nose bottom**



Eyebrows and Nose Sides:

- 1. Make slicing cut
about 1/8" deep
for eyebrow (both
sides)**



- 2. Make a slicing cut
from top of nose
to bottom. (Make
it straight in, not
angled into the
nose!)**

Side View



Eye:
Use a diagonal cut to remove the wood chip between the eyebrow and the edge of nose. (Don't cut too deep or the nose will be removed.)

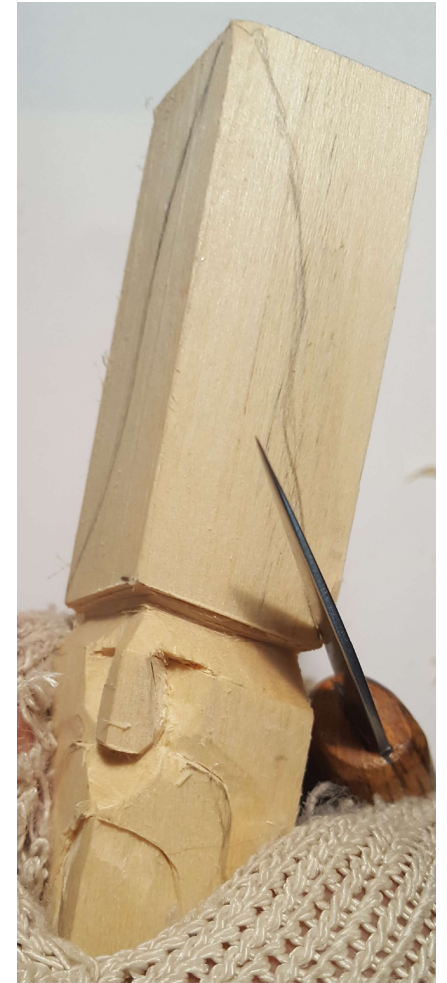
Nose Bottom:
Remove a little chip from each corner of the nose (gives shape to nose)





- Mustache:**
1. Mark the mustache and hat
 2. Use slicing cut about 1/8" deep along the top and bottom of mustache
 3. Make stop cut in at an angle to make edge of mustache

Hat:
Use push cuts to remove wood away from hat





Beard:

- 1. Mark the beard**
- 2. Use push cuts to remove wood away from beard**

Front of Nose:
Make (gentle) push cut from tip of nose to bridge of nose

Mouth Area:
Use push cuts to remove wood below mustache





**Use push cut
to round the
corners of
hat and
beard.**

**Finished
with basic 5-
minute
wizard!**

Customize:

- 1. V-tool or gouge with S-curves for beard & mustache**
- 2. 2-3 mm gouge to deepen eye sockets**
- 3. Push cuts on sides to shape face**
- 4. Add hat band**
- 5. Mustache shape**
- 6. Hat shape**
- 7. Paint**
- 8. Slant of eyebrow & mustache - personality**
- 9. Angle nose bottom & sides**
- 10. Nostrels, mouth, ears**



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<https://montgomerycountycarvers.com/mcc-home/gallery/>

September 15, 2022. MCC meeting "Carve Together the 5 minute Wizard – Your Time May Vary", presented by Ed Kerns and John Laffan

At this meeting we carved together, step by step, a simple wizard in basswood, using a carving knife. Then each carver added their own creativity to a second carving to make a unique wizard design (e.g., Santa, happy wizard, old man). The wizard is a great way to have fun with carving faces, heads, spirit wizards in found wood, walking sticks, and ornaments. It is infinitely customizable. This is a great project for all carvers, from newcomer to experienced. Ideas for detail embellishments were discussed. What you should have: carving knife, strop, hand safety protection, pencil, and ruler. An optional V-tool or gouge can add detail to the beard. Carve more detail, finish, and paint to add interest. Here are internet references for this project:

“5-Minute Wizard”, by Tom Hindes, Woodcarving Illustrated, Summer 2008, Issue 43, pp. 78-80.

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<https://caseknives.com/blogs/whittle-more/5-minute-wizard#:~:text=The%20five%2Dminute%20wizard%20is%20a%20simple%20project%20that%20can,supply%20for%20the%20next%20event>

Wood Spirit Measurements by Kathy Overcash

<https://www.artfromthebark.com/instructional.html>