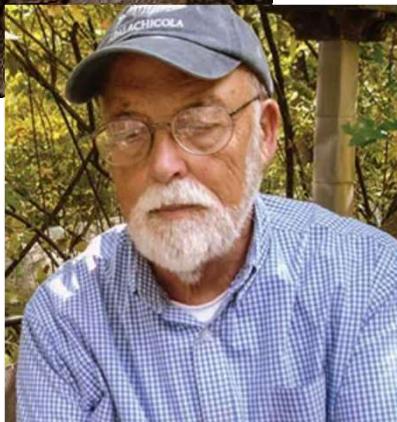


# 5-Minute Wizard

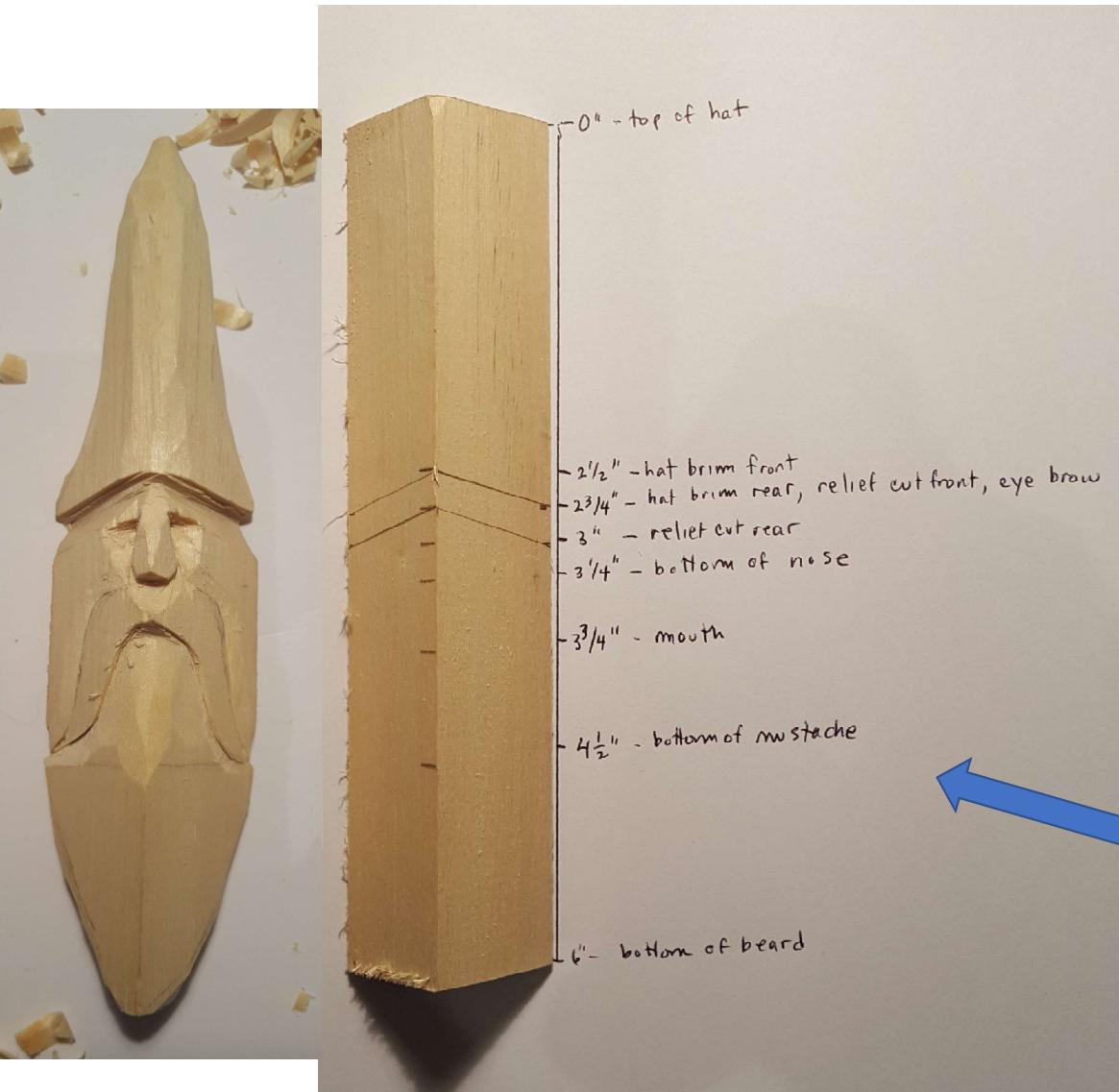
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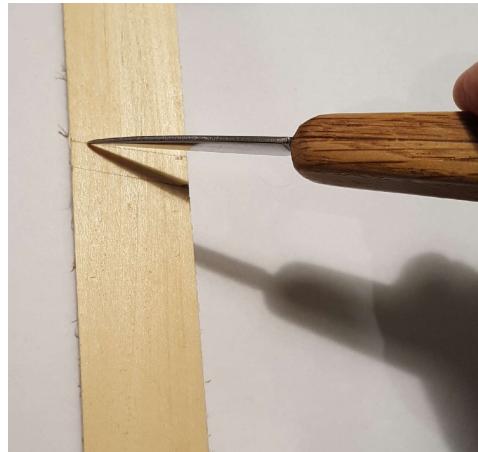
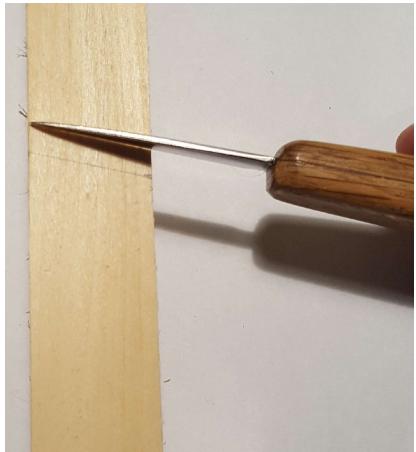


## What you need:

- **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**



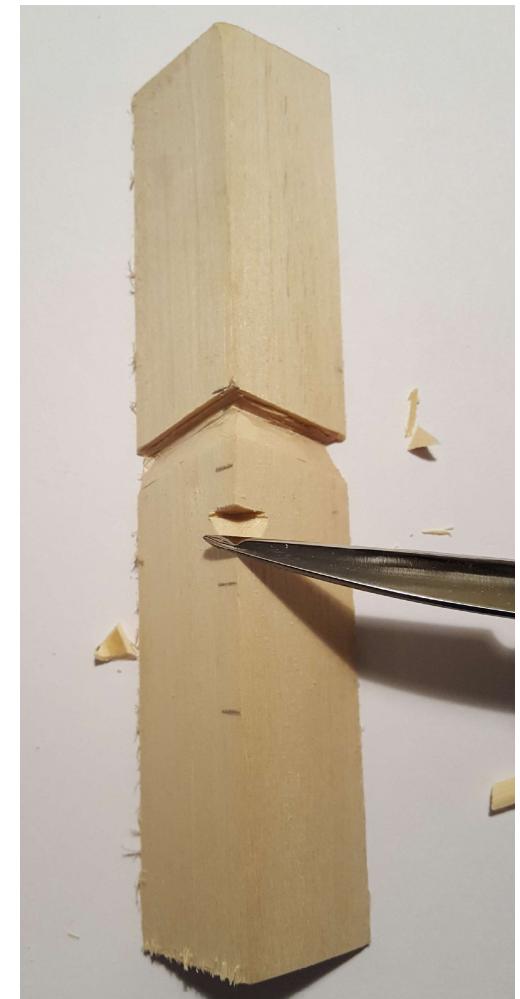
## **Bottom of Hat:**

- 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:**

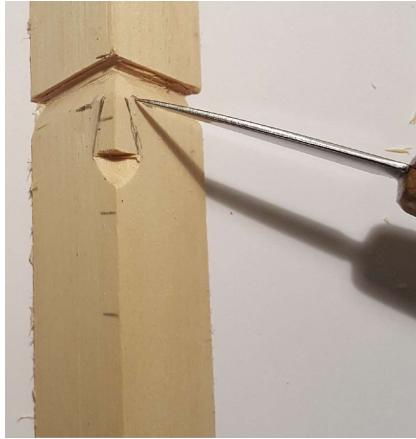
- 1. At the 3 1/4" mark on the front peak, make a slicing cut about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep**
- 2. From about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " lower on the front peak, make a diagonal stop cut up to the slicing cut**





### **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)**





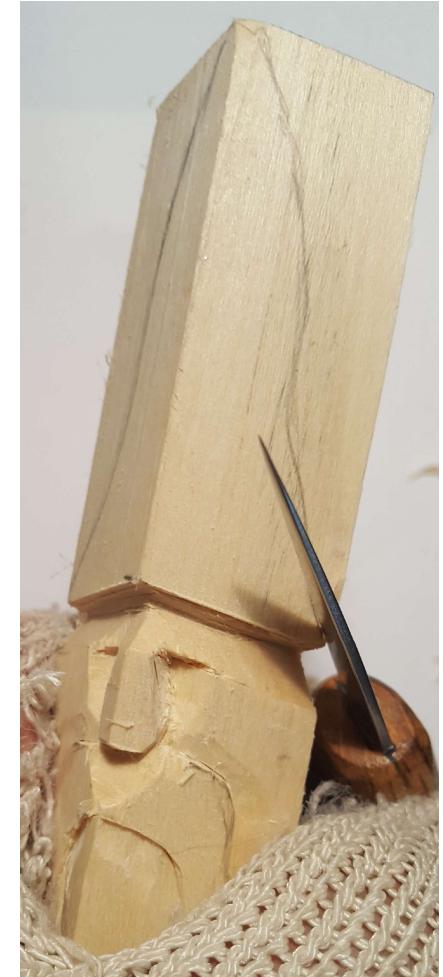
### **Mustache:**

- 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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**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:

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