

Adapted from Tutorial – How To Carve A Moravian Star Ornament

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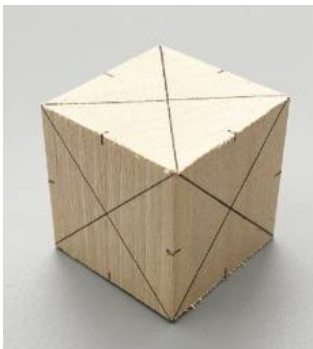
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1. Cube of Basswood.
We will use 2"x2"x2"



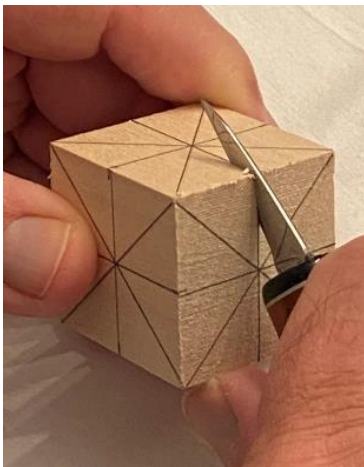
2. Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner on all 6 sides of the block.



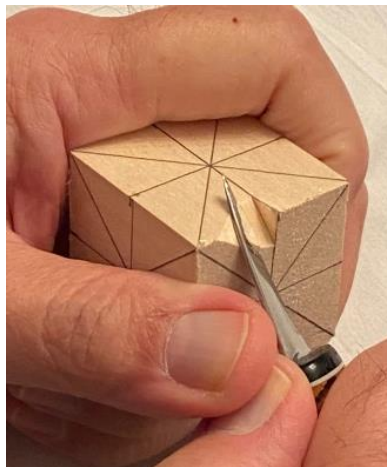
3. Find the center of every edge of the block and make a mark at those points.



4. Draw lines across the block from these center points on all 6 sides as shown in the photo. The block is now divided into 8 small triangles per side.



5. Make a stop cut on an edge center line as shown.



6. Make push cuts parallel to the diagonal lines framing that triangle to the stop cut



7. Continue removing the 3-sided pyramid until you have carved down to the diagonal lines. Extending the stop cut down as you go.





8. Remove the other triangular pyramid on that edge with push cuts, down to those diagonals.



9. Make a deep stop cut on an edge center line of an adjacent edge.



10. Start removing this area with similar parallel push cuts.



11. Remove the adjacent triangular pyramid to that area.



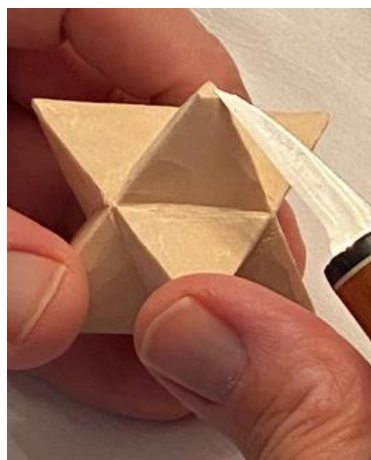
12. Move on to the next adjacent edge. Stop cut, push cuts, next edge.



13. Finish that face of the cube. Congrats, just 8 more edges to go (same cuts).



14. Finished all 12 edges. This is a Moravian Star.



15. Cut off one of the 12 tips.



16. Screw in an eye hook to hang your ornament. Add finish: oil, stain, or paint.

Tip. It is easy to pare down to the diagonal lines with your carving knife, but the middle tends to bulge. You can flatten the bulge with just your carving knife carefully, but it is easier and quicker to use a flat gouge (#1) or a sharp chisel.