

# Let's Carve a Simple Eye

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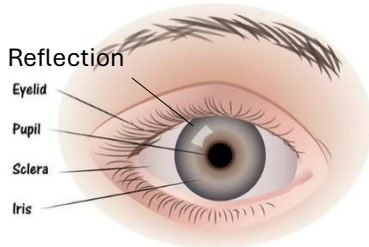
Tools and Wood (specifications are approximate, use what you have):

Carving knife (well stropped, sharp tip)

Gouges #8-3mm (1/8"), #8-10 mm (3/8")

V-tool 90°

1" x 1" x 4" basswood piece, Brush (e.g., old toothbrush)



## Simple Eye

1a. Draw upper and lower semi-circles (eyelid line)



1b. Make a shallow knife cut (~1 mm deep) straight in on each semi-circle eyelid line.



1c. Make shallow angle cuts sloping from center of the eye to each lid line. Leave the center of the eye at the same level. Repeat multiple times to get deeper rounded eyeballs. Round or carve a chip at each corner of the eyeball to make it deeper.



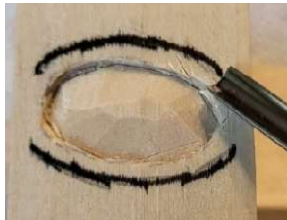
## Detailed Simple Eye

2a. Make another Simple Eye as above

2b. Draw a curve parallel to each eyelid about 1/8" away (above the upper lid and below the lower lid)



2c. Use #8-3 mm gouge. Carve the upper curve (makes upper lid and brow).



2d. Use V-tool. Make first light carve with V-tool straight up to the wood. Make subsequent carves with V-tool tilted toward the eyeball, to carve out the lower curve (lower lid).



2e. Draw a circle in the upper portion of the eyeball (iris). Gently use V-tool (or knife) to lightly carve along the circle to give a hint of an iris



### **Combine Eyes with Nose**

3a. Carve a nose on the corner of a wood piece (as we learned from other monthly project). Slope the nose from the tip to the bridge. Flatten the forehead above the nose. Draw the eyebrow line.



3b. Use a gouge (e.g., #8, 10 mm [3/8"]) to carve the eye sockets to either side of the nose bridge. (Notice that the eyes are flat across the face, above the nose, so the eye sockets have to be deep next to the bridge of the nose and shallow at the sides.)



3c. Draw eyes in the eye sockets. Carve eyes in the eye sockets (as we did above).

