

Make a 'Try Stick' to practice your carving skills

A try stick doesn't have a use it just shows carving techniques.



It's easier to carve 'green' freshly cut wood. Make sure your knife is sharp so that you get clean cuts.



Getting started:

Look for a piece of wood that is straight, around 30cm long, 2cm diameter and doesn't have many knots. Hazel and Sycamore are good.

All cuts need to be as neat as possible. You need to decide if you are going to leave the bark on or strip it off.



Refer to Mors Kochanski's instructions for some ideas for practical 'cuts' or just do what you think looks good!