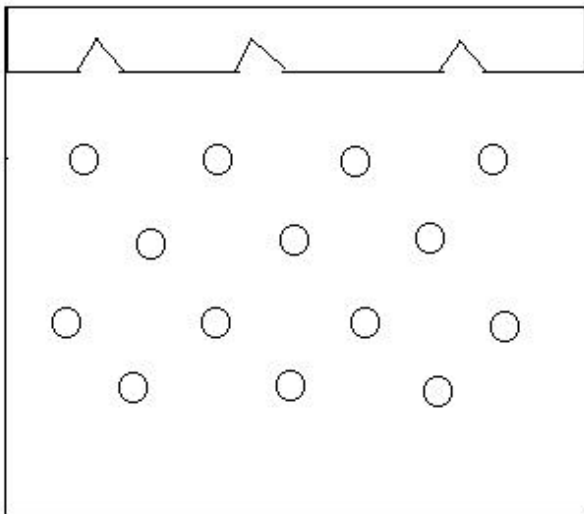
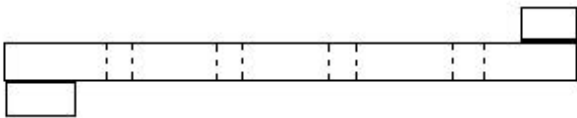


# SIMPLE HOLDING METHODS FOR RELIEF CARVINGS



I heard about two 'simple' methods to hold a relief carving...

1. A rubber mat specifically made to hold wood while working on it. I have seen this type of mat for holding wood while doing some router work as well as sanding. I suspect that some chiseling (hammer or hand) would cause the wood or the mat to move.
2. A bench hook. A piece of thin board ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch plywood is good) about 12" by 12". With a thin strip of wood attached to each end (see drawing).

This is placed on the edge of your workbench or table. You cut or carve away from yourself into the top edge of the bench hook.

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