

# Wood Carving Tips

1. NEVER throw a pattern away.
2. Sharp tools are safe, dull tools are dangerous!
3. Learn to sharpen tools.
4. You cannot cut your fingers if they are behind the blade.
5. Keep band aides handy.
6. Invest in a carving glove and thumb guards.
7. Keep your tetanus shots up to date.
8. Keep a small mirror in your carving box. Use it to check facial expressions.
9. Excellent source of ideas are coloring books.
10. Keep a small notepad and pencil with you for ideas that pop up.
11. If beginning carving, invest in some study aides.
12. Join or start a wood carving club.
13. Subscribe to "Chip Chats."
14. Buy individual tools rather than sets.
15. Try tools before buying (If possible).
16. Well-cared-for tools last longer.
17. Wipe knife blades and gouges with light machine oil during storage.
18. Buy quality brushes for painting.

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