



Wood whittling for beginners

But first a surprise for David Tilley who found on arriving he had been volunteered to run the Christmas bits and Pieces Show. Sadly the camera hadn't been unpacked and David's face will have to be imagined. Our chair, Nick Milton, had half anticipated a hiccough and came with a whittling kit and Father Christmases in various stages of finish.

But first he reported the sad news that our treasurer David Williams was very ill and we urgently needed a stand in for the rest of the year. After a long persuasive pause Andy Smith volunteered. See Committee Names for his details.



So to the making of Father Christmas. As Nick pointed out this was essentially a whittling exercise. You can get a good insight into how to use the tools safely and accurately from "Doug Outside" on the web (see links at end of article).



The tools are basically a curved knife and a v shaped chisel. These can be obtained from Axminster for a set of four costing £82.40. You can get variations such as singles or other sets.

Start with an inch square by 7 inches of lime or tulip wood. The wood needs to be fine grain but fairly soft otherwise it is difficult to cut accurately.



Mark up your design with guide lines (see link to diagram below).



Carve carefully using the “Doug Outside carving” techniques. This video can be found on the net (see below). Using this way you can control the cuts and more importantly avoid cutting yourself.

If finishing with paint then use acrylic. Remember small children will lick anything. It was suggested that the first coat should be a light yellow. This will act as a seal and also the overpainted final colour is deeper.

Variations on the theme can be mini heads or grumpy dwarfs.



Also you might like to make Christmas Trees or other items for your Christmas festivity.



Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fdom15Mbfrg>

<http://woodcarvingillustrated.com/blog/2017/12/15/carving-simple-santa-ornament/>

Diagram with measurements:

<http://woodcarvingillustrated.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/WEB-Wizard-Diagram.pdf>

FOR SALE Two lathes - one with metal support stand

Cost £400 (£350 to club members)

See Dave Simms for full details

Forthcoming Meetings 2019

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

Sat 12th January **Woody's Christmas Party**

7th February **Three to a Team competition**

7th March **AGM**

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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