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I hope you have fun trying this kind

Bob M.

Blank (Carved) Bird
and blank
bird

BIRD CARVING.....OUTLINE

PATTERNS

REFERENCE — OBSERVATION, PHOTOGRAPHY AND PICTURES
LAYOUT — SKETCH POSTURE, SHAPE AND FEATHER PATTERN
COPY PATTERN ON LASTING MATERIAL

BLANK CUTTING

LAYOUT WITH GRAIN — I.E. TAIL
TAPE AND TRACE
CUT TO PATTERN
USE CARPET TAPE FOR MULTI CUTS

CARVING

SHAPE — "Round" hum/hor
KNIFE — to general bird shapes
SAND — #80 GRIT PAPER

DETAIL

PENCIL WINGS
CARVE
SAND — #80/#120
FEATHER PATTERN — WINGS AND TAIL
CARVE HEAD
BEAK
CREST OVER EYES
DRILL EYES
INDENTATION FOR EYES
FINAL SAND — #120

WOODBURNING

BE SURE SURFACE IS SMOOTH
BURN (MODERATE HEAT)
BACK BURN

BASE

SAND BASE
SELECT ACCENT PIECE — CLEAN FREE OF LOOSE MATERIAL
DETERMINE WANTED PRESENTATION OF BIRD
GLUE ACCENT PIECE
LEAVE ALL PIECES TO FINAL FINISH
INSERT AND GLUE EYES

MOUNTING

DRILL LEG HOLES
DRILL HOLES FOR MOUNTING IN ACCENT PIECE
SHAPE LEGS
DRY MOUNT
GLUE LEGS IN BIRD
MOUNT AND GLUE BIRD TO BASE
CUT AND GLUE ON FEET — heavy thread, cut to length and soaked in glue.
BUILD UP LEGS AND FEET and placed accurately on mounting.

FINISH

PAINT (I always leave mine natural — no paint)
LEFT — I use hardware store spray plastic # 1607

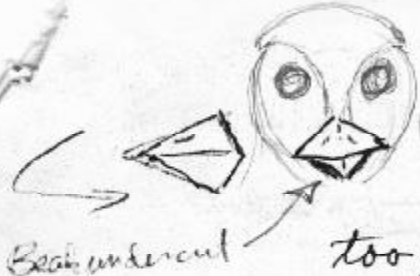
Use one knife for most all carving on birds - it is chipped thus (keep it very sharp.)



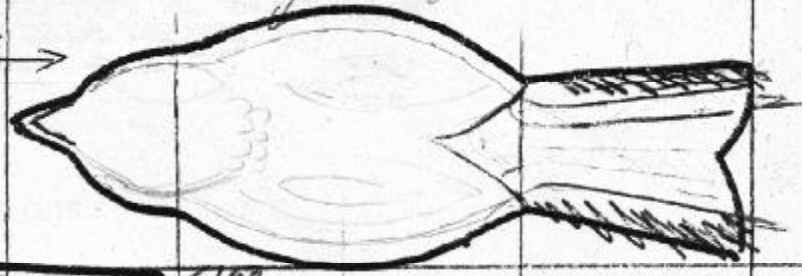
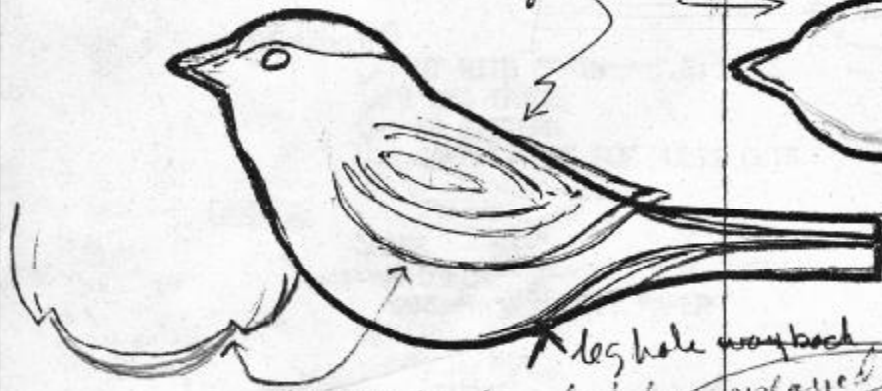
for these finished details see the pictures.

I use one called "Hottool" model # WB1 (about \$15.00) and worth every penny. drilled or formed piece of finished hardwood.

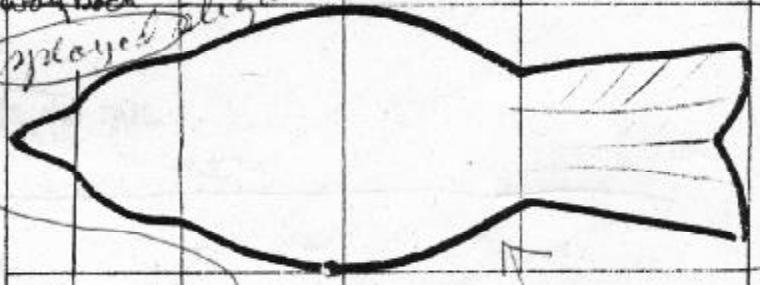
or 35# fishing line



Bird blank is fatter than finished bird to allow for nice shaping



leg hole way back
legs displayed slightly



Slight indent



Extra vertical pattern

Roughly same length as tail on a Chickadee



leg
35 lb Teat fish line covered w/ yellow glue
and whole leg pointed w/ neutral tan or brown paint

Oven.