

Northwest Carving: Totem Techniques with David Franklin

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This is one of those projects that at some point you will have every tool you own out and on the bench at some point. If you have a tool you like, that you think could be useful, I encourage you to bring it. You never know on something like this.

Stanley standard low angle block plane

Pencils

Tracing Paper

Ruler

Eraser

Compass (optional)



Basic carving knife



Japanese Saw or something similar can be handy



Set of small chisels and gouges

Some larger chisels, gouges and a mallet



The smaller chisels are ½” and the larger chisel is a 1” the gouge is a bit larger than that. What is important is to have a few tools with a few different shapes to give you some versatility. For example, have a gouge for removing material and working in a concave space and also have a flat chisel to smooth background areas.
Chisels and gouges

I also like these tools, but they are not required.

Bent knives and Adzes are traditional tools normally used for carving in the Northwest and I recommend three basic ones and a good straight knife.

North Bay Forge makes decent knives I think their sizes “small, general, and deep” would be the proper sizes. The website is Northbayforge.com

There is also Kestrel Knives which can be found on rockisland.com Their sizes 1, 2, 3, and 7 would work for this project.

There is a website called preferrededge.com which no longer sells knives but has an informative site about bent knives.

Lee Valley has bent knife blades now too in their catalogue, but I have not used them

A good straight knife is really important. Flexicut brand is good but have super tiny handles. Just your basic laminated or carbon straight knives with a plastic handle at the counter of many hardware stores or marine hardware stores with the brand name Frosts or Mora are good knives and inexpensive. These are what I buy and modify for my own carving knives.

The blade should be at least 1.5 inches long.

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Bent knives (three different curved blades and a straight knife)



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Micro Gouges

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You should bring all of your sharpening equipment, and if you buy bent knives, I can help you make a sharpening kit for them really easily. I use 180, 220, 320, 400 and 600 grit wet dry black sandpaper over 1/2" dowels secured with either tape or a rubber band.

Tear away the used parts as you go



I recommend a leather strop like this one. I made it by gluing a piece of leather over a piece of wood shaped kind of like an airfoil. Mine is much used as you can see in the picture with "Semichrome polish" (available at a good auto parts store)

