

Whittling guidelines

1. A responsible adult should always be present.
2. Always sit when wood carving (unless instructed otherwise).
3. Make sure you are an adequate distance from other carvers.
4. Whittle away from your body (unless you have already learnt other techniques) and take care not to whittle too close to your legs.
5. Keep the knife close to the work and put it back in its sheath when not in use.
6. Don't poke into the wood with the tip of the knife.
7. If necessary, wear a glove to protect the hand holding the work.
8. A sharp knife is dangerous; a blunt knife can be even more so. Make sure your knives are always in a good condition.
9. Store knives out of the reach of children. Knives can be kept in a knife block when not in use.
10. Always keep a complete first aid kit nearby in case of emergencies.
11. Please use your own judgement as to whether safety glasses and goggles should be worn when working with wood.

