

Carve a Wooden Bowl Class TOOL LIST

A carving hatchet or short handled ax.

A hatchet with a keen, sharp edge and secure handle can rough out the outside of a bowl. Smaller sized ax heads allow extended use with less fatigue (and more control as you swing). A sharp, general duty yard hatchet can get you started, but eventually you'll want to have a more suitable tool for the craft. Double bevel edge models cut the same regardless of swing direction (with either hand). A single bevel edged ax affords more controlled pairing cuts when swung having the bevel facing up.

Here are some models to consider:

<https://wisementrading.com/wood-working/hatchets-and-small-axe/council-tool-sport-utility-flying-fox-woodsman-hatchet>

<https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/gransfors-bruk-hand-hatchet.aspx>

<https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/gransfors-bruk-carving-hatchet.aspx>

<https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/swedishcarvingaxe.aspx>

<https://wood-tools.co.uk/tools/the-robin-wood-axe/>

Hand Adze: For roughing out the inside of the bowl.

This is a specialized tool that is complicated to fabricate. They can have limited availability, so begin searching early to give yourself time to acquire one.

You'll want an adze that has the bevel ground on the outside of the cutting edge (out-cannel) so you can ride that outside bevel and control your cutting. The bevel on the inside of the gouge's edge (in-cannel) is NOT suitable for bowl carving.

https://www.etsy.com/listing/637383622/hand-forged-short-bowl-adze?ref=shop_home_feat_4&frs=1&bes=1

http://www.maineoastcraft.com/store/p29/Jason_Lonon_standard_bowl_adze_with_sheath.html

<https://woodsmithexperience.co.uk/shop/product/hans-karlsson-adze-35mm/>

<https://jasonlonon.ecwid.com/>

Carving Gouges to further refine concave areas and to add detail.

A #7 or #6 sweep bent gouge about an inch wide will let you pare efficiently in the concave bowl area, smoothing up the adze work. Other useful gouges sizes consider are #8 x 1/2" and a #6 x 7/8" (The higher the sweep #, the deeper the curve is on the cutting edge. Narrower width gouges help you add details.

<https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/hirsch6bentgouge25mm.aspx>

or Swiss made Pfeil model 7L/25

Spokeshaves and drawknives can be used for working on the convex areas of a bowl design after following your initial carving with an ax.