

## Spoon carving set START



### Tools

This basic set for spoon making consists of following tools:

1. Carving chisel for spoon making



2. Double-edge knife for spoon making



3. Chip carving knife



### Wood

The most suitable and popular wood for woodcarving is lime. It is relatively soft and makes good chips. Later it can be changed to walnut, maple, alder or wood of fruit trees. Unsuitable type of wood are coniferous trees. The spoon cutout supplied with this set is made of lime wood.

### Edge

The edge is the most valuable part of your tool and should be carefully protected and stored. It has to leave a smooth surface without any dents in the cut. A chip has to break off after just a gentle hand pressure on the tool.

### Workflow

We recommend to follow these steps when carving your first spoon:

- 1) With a pencil, draw an axis and the spoon bowl on the lime cutout.
- 2) Mount the cutout to a table or in a vice and start shaping the bowl first with the chisel. One hand holds the chisel and pushes it into the cut, second holds and directs the movement of the blade.
- 3) Use the double-edge knife to hollow out the bowl even further and the smooth out the pre-cut surface. The double edge makes the knife universal for its purpose, however it is necessary to be extra careful if pushing the blade by your thumb.
- 4) Complete the outside of the spoon with your chip carving knife, whereas pay attention not to cut with the blade against your second hand.

Lime wood is soft and it is necessary to be careful not to cut more wood than really necessary, especially when working on the outside of the spoon. Leave a safe amount of wood for finishing operations like sanding. A sand paper of grit 120 can be used to start with, and then continue with finer grit 220 or 320 for perfectly smooth surface.

