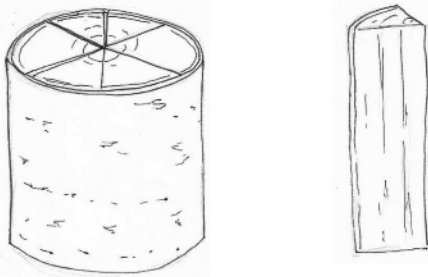


# CARVE A FOX

First I heard of these they were being carved in the Appalachian Mountains. They're a simple project. With a little paint and a few changes to cuts you can make many types of animals. While it can all be done with a knife, You can do the majority with an axe and clean up with a knife. They are excellent for teaching/learning axe control because they can easily be started again and you must exhibit control to keep from splitting pieces off.

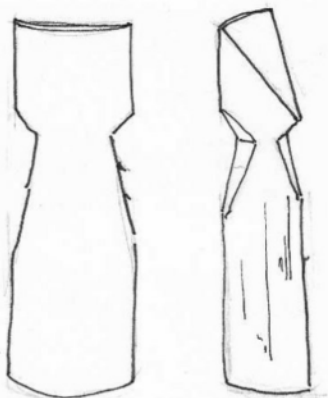
1. You are going to start with a round about 6 inches around and 5 to 6 inches tall. You want to be sure the pith is in the center. While you can split it into eighths, splitting it into 6ths provides more stability at the base.



2. Start by holding the piece by the foot side and chopping an angle off the head to form the slope of the head and nose. Then carefully chop a 'V' underneath to form the bottom of the nose. This is where lots of splits happen.



3. Now you are going to chop the sides to establish the head and neck. Try and place these cuts symmetrically and so the they are in line with the front 'V'.



4. Clean up with a knife, carve the notch for the ears and carve small notches on the sides to establish fur. Carve little facets on the sides of the nose to show where they eyes will be and to show the bridge of the nose. Paint and done!

