

Carve a Rooster

THESE ROOSTERS ARE A VERY OLD CRAFT. PROBABLY PRACTICED IN MANY COUNTRIES. WHILE THE ONE I SHOW IS SIMPLE, SOME CARVERS MAKE VERY BEAUTIFUL, DETAILED BIRDS USING THIS METHOD.

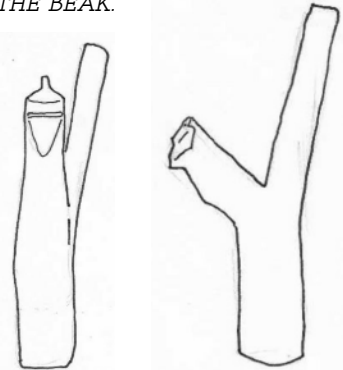
1. START WITH A BRANCH SHAPED ABOUT LIKE THIS. IT'S BEST TO AVOID KNOTS, IF POSSIBLE. I PREFER BRANCHES ABOUT 1/2 INCH ROUND.



2. FIRST IS TO CUT THE TOP TO MAKE THE ROOSTER COMB. BE SURE TO POINT IT THE SAME WAY YOU WANT THE BEAK POINTED!



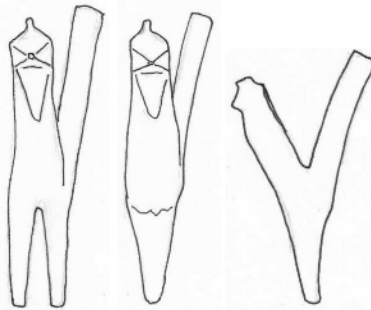
3. NEXT YOU WILL MAKE A 'V' CUT BELOW THE TOP OF THE HEAD. THIS FORMS THE PROFILE OF THE BEAK.



4. THE BEAK LOOKS A BIT LIKE A DUCK BILL AT THIS POINT. CUT THE SIDES IN TO POINT THE BEAK.



5. NOW IT'S LEG WORK. YOU CAN EITHER CARVE TWO LEGS, A BIT TRICKY, OR JUST CARVE THE BOTTOM TO A POINT TO STICK INTO A HOLE.



6. NOW IT IS TIME TO CUT TO TAIL FEATHERS. THE MARKS HERE SHOW HOW THEY ARE CUT. I HOLD THE BLANK BY THE HEAD AND REST THE FEET ON MY CHEST. I DRAW THE KNIFE TOWARD MY CHEST TO CUT.



7. ROOSTER IS DONE! PAINT OR LEAVE NATURAL AS YOU SEE FIT.

