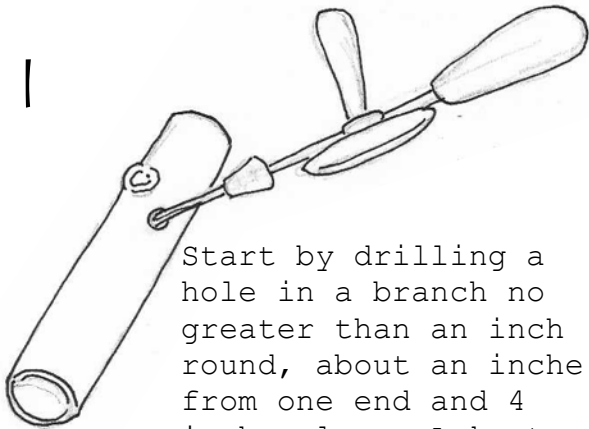


# CARVE A BAG CLIP (CLOTHES PIN)

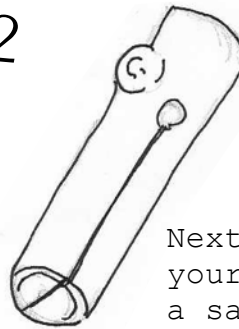
Small diameter branches are much less likely to split than large pieces of wood. This is a quick, fun project you can use some of those smaller branches for.

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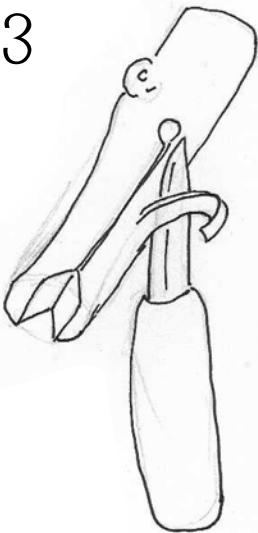
Start by drilling a hole in a branch no greater than an inch round, about an inch from one end and 4 inches long. A knot placed on the side will help reduce splitting.

2



Next, either split with your knife, or cut with a saw down to the hole. The hole helps reduce splitting at the end. Some people will also wrap the end beyond the hole to reduce splitting. Tin or twine work, if wrapped tightly.

3



The branch may be too stiff to flex. Reduce the outside thickness to give it some flex. It also helps to cut a 'V' shape out of the end to make it easier to guide a bag into the split.

4



Chamfer the edges of the hole and the split down the middle. This will reduce splinters and snags. You can also carve the end, chip carve. Paint or decorate however you wish.