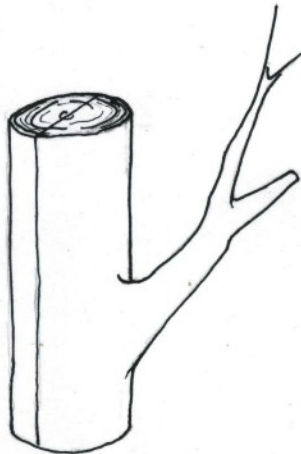


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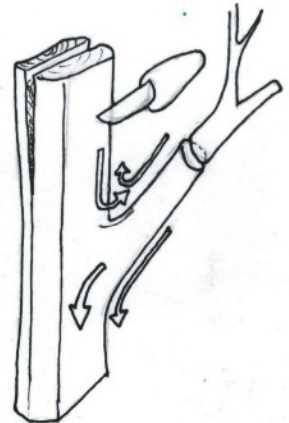
A Coat Hook

Carving a coat hook can be a fun project for beginners. It teaches you about how grain direction can change predictably in wood and how you can use the wood's natural strength to your advantage.

1. Select a branch with another smaller branch coming off. Split the back off to remove the pith and remove the bark.



2. Split or carve more off the back to flatten it. Flatten the face and the hook. Follow the direction of the grain when carving. Arrows show grain/carving direction.



Draw and carve out your decorative lines. You may want a knob at the end to help keep things on the hook. Drill holes above and below the hook to accommodate screws.



4. Hollow the back with a hook knife. As it dries the wood will warp. By hollowing it now you will have minimal flattening to do later.

