



Whittling

Cub Scouts · Elective · Bear rank

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Whittling teaches you to use a pocketknife safely and carve something of your own. You'll learn the rules, care for your knife, and make two carvings. It's a classic Scouting skill that takes patience and care.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/whittling/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ **1** Read and understand the Cub Scout Knife Safety Rules and promise to follow them

Tip: Read the safety rules with an adult and promise to follow them every time.

- ☐ **2** Demonstrate the knife safety circle

Tip: Hold your closed knife out and turn slowly. If you can touch anyone, you need more space.

Example: Before you open your knife, hold it closed with your arm stretched out and turn in a slow circle. If you can touch anyone or anything, move until you have a clear space all around.

- ☐ **3** Show you can take care of your pocketknife and use it safely

Tip: Practice opening, closing, and passing the knife, and keep it clean and dry.

Example: Show you can open the blade with your fingers away from the edge, close it with your palm on the back of the blade, pass it closed, and wipe it clean and dry before putting it away.

☐ **4** Make two carvings with a pocketknife

Tip: Start with soft wood or a bar of soap. Carve away from your body with an adult watching.

Example: Your two carvings might be a fish or turtle carved from a bar of soap and a marshmallow roasting stick whittled from a branch, always cutting away from your body.