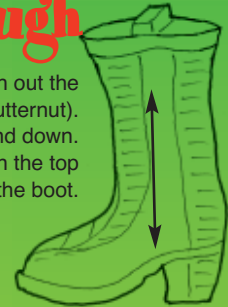


Whittling: The Boot

3-Step Carving Lesson

#1 Rough

Use a bandsaw or coping saw to rough out the pattern of the boot (basswood or butternut). Make sure the grain is running up and down. Draw a center line and then an oval on the top and bottom to indicate the shape of the boot.



#2 Shape

Begin rounding the corners following the top and bottom ovals. Use a stop cut at each of the dotted lines and then use push cuts to cut into that line. This stop cut will become two wrinkles in the old boot. Because it is cross-grain, use a side ways cut to round the tip of the boot.



#3 Detail

After the boot is rounded and all surfaces carved, use small wedge/chip cuts to create the detail at the top and bottom. Add wrinkles. Finish with dark stain.

