

Syllabus for Introduction to Spoon Carving

Week 1

- **Materials**

- A. Properties of wood as a material
- B. Types of wood
- C. Advantages of wood over other materials
- D. Finishes

- **Tools**

- A. Gouges
- B. Rasps and Files
- C. Sand Paper
- D. Bench hook
- E. Clamps
- F. Saws
- G. Mallets

- **Techniques**

- A. holding and securing the plank
- B. slicing and carving
- C. using a mallet
- D. detailing with a knife

Week 2

- **Design**

- Choose your material and cut blank to appropriate size for project
- draw a pattern to scale in plan and profile of the spoon on paper
- Transfer pattern to hardboard to create a template that can be used to carve duplicate spoons.
- Trace template plan to wood surface and sketch in the lip and bowl of the spoon
- carve bowl of spoon

Week 3

- Cutting out the shape of the spoon in plan
- Transfer profile pattern to wood and cut the shape of the spoon in profile

Week 4

- Roughing out the shape of the spoon
- Smoothing the Spoon

Week 5

Final embellishments to the spoon such as carved designs and hangers

- Applying finish to the spoon to protect the wood