

"Some carve their careers; others just chisel"

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Gryphon kerchief slide

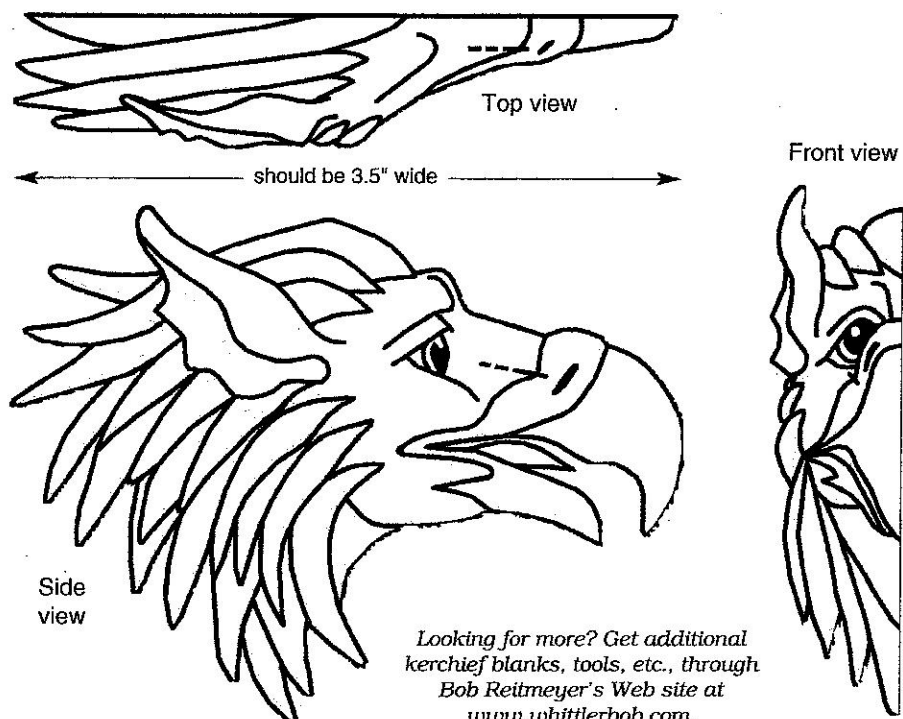
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THE gryphon (or griffin) is a legendary creature that dates back to 3300 BC in ancient Egypt. The Egyptians were looking for one creature that combines the body parts of a lion and an eagle, considered the most powerful animals of that time. Ancient artists had different ideas as to where the body parts of their creature met.

Don Self of Gallion, Ala., created his version of this mythological creature. "Thank-you" to Jay Campbell of Hillsborough, N. Car., for bringing this idea to my attention.

Copy pattern onto a 1/2" or thicker piece of basswood or soft white pine. Cut out with a scroll saw and carve as follows:

1. Carve beak, as shown in top view, to a dull point. Use knife point to recess lower beak and detail the tongue; check side and front views.
2. Carve eye socket and ridge to the beak. Detail the eye and cere as shown in the side view.
3. Carve ear and lion's mane as shown, or create your own version.
4. Sand smooth and paint as desired [see photo on page 2].
5. For a kerchief slide, glue on a back piece that has a 5/8" hole, round or square. Project can also be used as a bolo slide or refrigerator magnet. ■



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