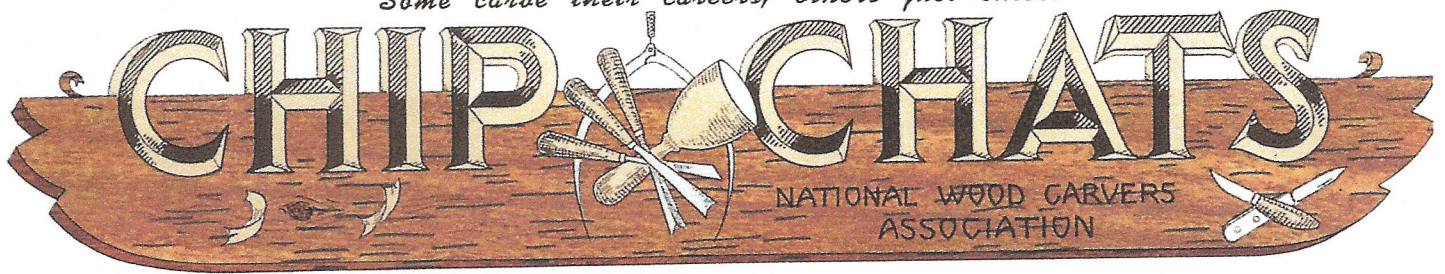


"Some carve their careers; others just chisel"



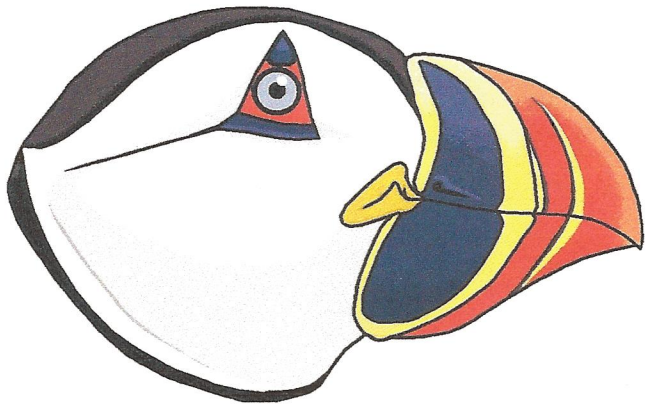
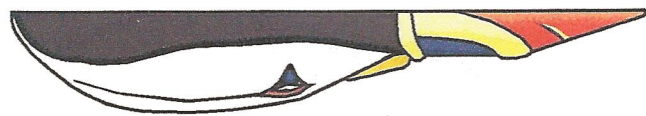
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Carve a puffin kerchief slide

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THE Atlantic puffin is found on the rocky north coast of the Atlantic from Maine to Labrador and Newfoundland during its breeding season in the spring and summer. The rest of the year is spent in the open ocean. The brightly colored bill covering grows before mating season and is then shed after the mating rituals.



This easy-to-carve project is a challenge to paint. Cut out and carve the pattern as shown from a half-inch piece of soft pine or basswood.

To paint:

1. For the yellowish areas of the bill, mix yellow, some white, and a bit of nutmeg brown, and paint those areas. Then use white for the face and the stripes on the bill.
2. Mix cerulean blue with a bit of black for the big patch in the middle of the bill and the skin below the eye and above the eye. Then add more white to the grayish-blue to get the very light grayish-blue for the iris of the eye.
3. Mix orange, bright red, and a bit of white for the remaining areas of the bill and the skin around the eye.

4. Paint the black outline of the eye, the pupil, and the black stripes on the bill and the border between the white of the face and the top of the head and the neck.

5. Place a white dot on the border of the pupil and iris at the 2 o'clock position. Put a clear gloss coat as a top coat, and you're done.

For other woodcarving kerchief slide blanks and tools, please visit my website at whittlerbob.com.

Thanks to Jay Campbell of Hillsboro, N. Car., for bringing this pattern to my attention. Jay is joining the Wood Carving Merit Badge staff at the National Boy Scout Jamboree this summer in West Virginia in my place. — Bob Reitmeyer