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# POCKET KNIFE

What makes a pocket knife special is that it's foldable, that means when you are on the go you can carry it safely and securely in your pocket. Swiss pocket knives are world-famous for their various different blades and other handy tools, such as small saws, scissors or can openers.

Our pocket knife for carving is also a Swiss-made product; its special feature is the blade with a rounded tip. It is designed for kids' small hands and so they can't injure themselves with the tip. Of course you should still be careful when handling it, because the blade is very sharp!

This guide shows you how easy it is to carve your own pocket knife.

**HAVE FUN!**

## TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- "My First Victorinox" pocket knife for carving
- Cutting base
- Sandpaper (in different grades)
- a soft pencil
- Tracing paper
- "Pocket knife" tracing template (see page 2)
- Balsa wood (15x5x5 cm)
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Paint protection for your work surfaces (old newspapers)

**IMPORTANT! A KNIFE FOR CARVING IS NOT A TOY. CARVING MUST ALWAYS BE DONE UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION. THE VICTORINOX CRAFTING CLUB ACCEPTS NO LIABILITY.**

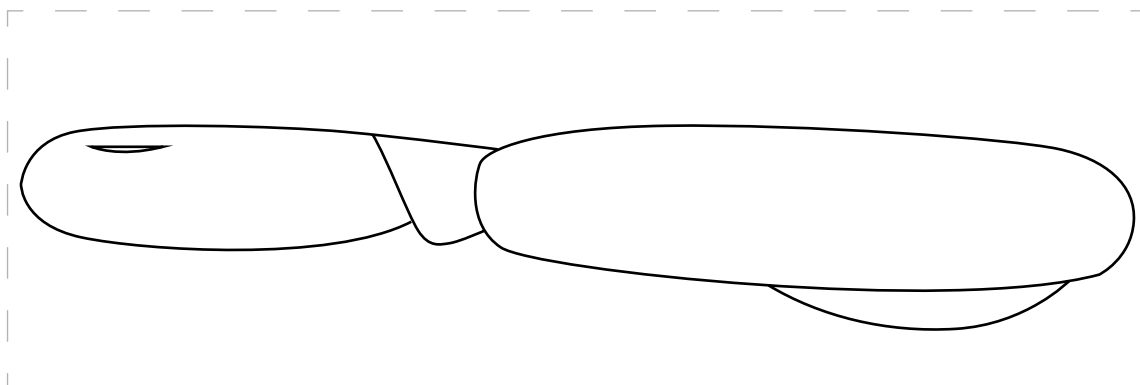




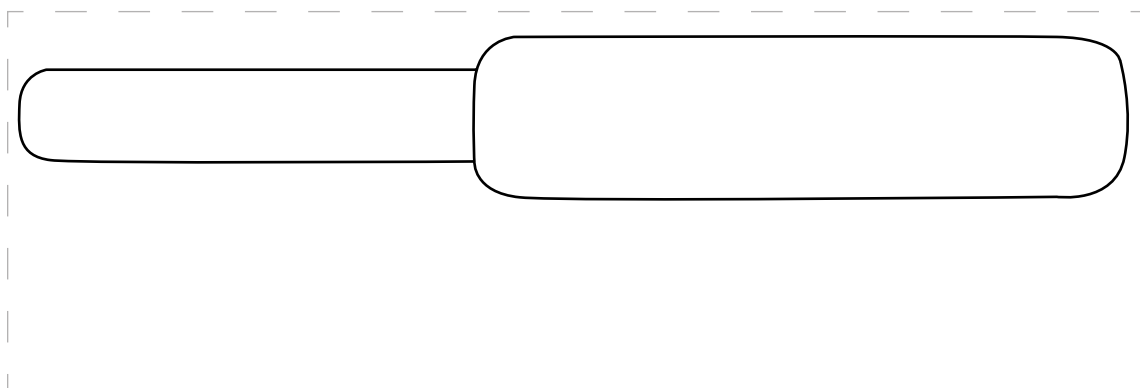
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## “POCKET KNIFE” TRACING TEMPLATE

Trace the drawing using the tracing paper and the soft pencil.



View from the front



View from above

## HOW DO YOU TRACE A DRAWING?

Tracing paper is always slightly transparent. So when you place the paper over the drawing you can clearly see the lines showing through. Take the pencil and trace over the lines. Then turn the paper over, place it on the wood and trace over the lines again with the pencil. This is the easiest way to transfer the design onto the wood.





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## 1. TRACE

Take the tracing paper with the outline of the Swiss cross and place it in the middle of the piece of wood. Trace over the drawing. Then go over the lines on the wood again so you can see them clearly.



## 2. CARVE

Carve the pocket knife out of the wood. First cut away the block of wood so the thickness is correct, then carve out the shape of the knife piece by piece. Use a cutting base and take good care.



## 3. SAND

Sand the carved shape until it is smooth and the edges are rounded. Start with the coarse sandpaper, then work your way to the finest grade.

**Have you finished carving and sanding?** Then let's go to the next page! The next step is painting, that's where you'll need to use your imagination.





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## 4. PAINT

Now it's time to add some color! You can use gray or silver for the blade and red for the handle. You can also choose a different color for the handle or even paint it in a pretty pattern if you feel like it.



## 5. LET THE PAINT DRY

Always paint one side at a time and then let it dry, so it doesn't stick to the cutting base. You can also try cutting out the Victorinox logo on the top right of the page with the tracing template and then gluing it to the carved pocket knife. Then it looks like the real thing!



## CONGRATULATIONS

Your pocket knife is finished, great job! You can use the remaining wood to carve a second knife and paint it in a different color.



**Is everything clear?** If there is anything you are not 100% sure about, you can watch a video of this step-by-step carving guide at [www.victorinox.com](http://www.victorinox.com). Or explore other carving and crafting guides. Have fun exploring!

