

Carving a Caricature Colt

Simple stylized horse is easy to carve

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This adorable little colt only requires a few tools to complete. Novice carvers can expect excellent results in a relatively short period of time and more experienced carvers can finish the project in a single day.

My first carving project was a horse similar to this one. Back in the 1970s, I worked in my dad's sign shop. Smokey Joe Briemueller, a family friend, would often stop in to sell his carvings. He could carve a horse similar to this one in 20 minutes.

Smokey Joe's work fascinated me and I spent as much time learning from him as I could. Joe taught me how to make a carving knife from an old straight razor and taught me a lot about carving, most of which I still use today.



Modify the basic pattern to add action or give your colt a different pose.