



# WHITTLING

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## KEY BENEFITS

### Fine Motor Skills

Develops precise hand control and coordination.

### Focus

Builds concentration and mindful attention.

### Creativity

Encourages artistic expression through carving.

### Responsibility

Teaches respect for sharp tools and safety.

**KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES****Cuts from Knife**

- ✓ Correct technique taught
- ✓ Glove on holding hand
- ✓ Cut away from body
- ✓ 1:1 supervision initially

**Incorrect Position**

- ✓ Stable seating used
- ✓ Legs apart for safety
- ✓ Elbows on knees position
- ✓ Position checked before starting

**Distraction**

- ✓ Dedicated whittling area
- ✓ Stop before looking up
- ✓ No talking to whittlers
- ✓ Small group sizes

**Fatigue**

- ✓ Regular breaks taken
- ✓ Children self-monitor
- ✓ Session length limited
- ✓ Soft wood used



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