

# Peg making guide

Follow these simple steps to carve a peg out of wood.



## You will need:

- A sharp knife
- A folding saw
- A length of Green Hazel (about 30cm long)

1. Unfold the saw carefully.



2. Place two fingers at one end of the hazel to make a good gauge.



3. Place the saw next to your fingers (blade facing upwards for safety).



4. Make a cut about halfway through the piece of wood.



5. Pinch the sheath and remove the knife into punch grip.



6. Use a push cut to form a notch like shown. Remember the thumb pushes the knife whilst the other hand remains relaxed and static.



7. You should now have a notch in the wood, like this.



8. Using the chest lever cut, start removing the wood at the end going in the ground to form a blunt point. Again, remember the knife remains static.



*Alternatively use the forearm cut.  
Again, remember the knife remains static whilst pulling the workpiece.*



Alternatively, use, or swap to, the knee brace pull cut to continue forming the blunt point. Again, the knife remains static.



9. Bang knife into a flat log and pull the peg like so to remove more material. Ensure the log is big enough not to move when pulling the workpiece.



10. Use a push cut to form a chamfer around the top of the peg to stop it splitting when hit. If you look closely there's a happy and sad place on the blade, using the happy part of the blade is recommended for safe control.



11. Put your finished peg to use!

