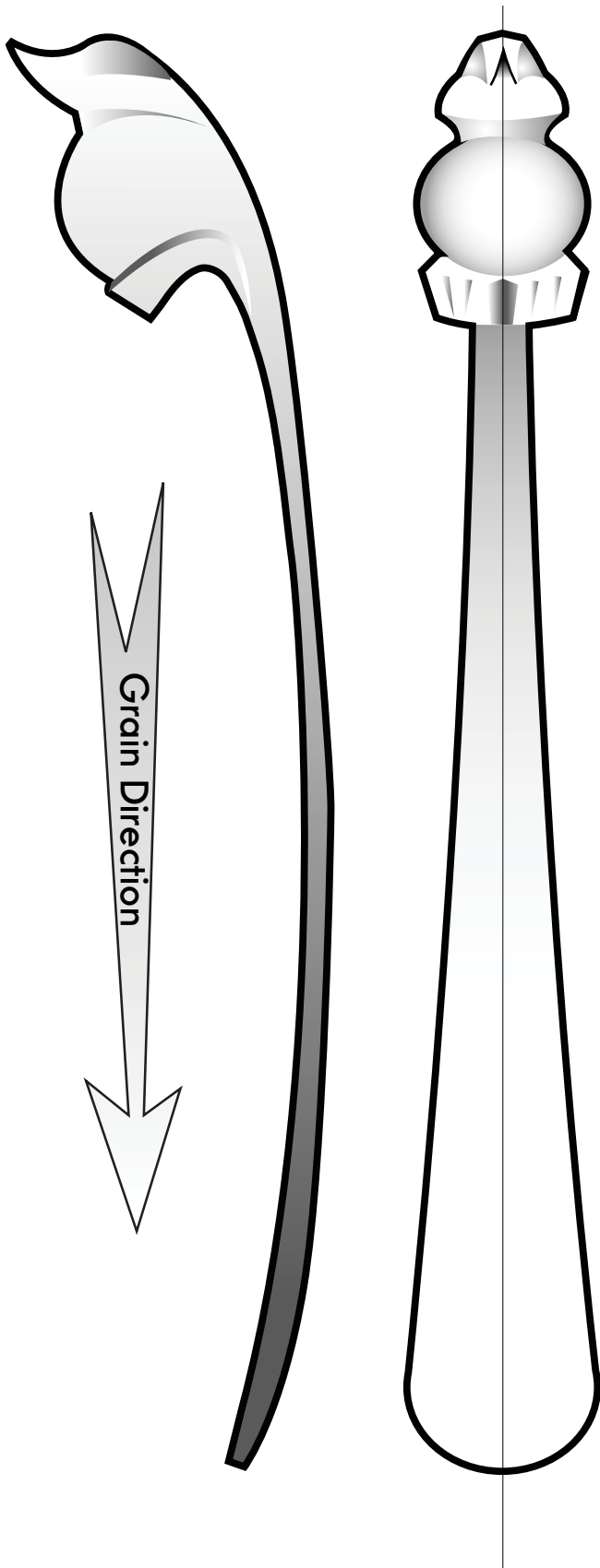


**Balance Bird**  
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A Balance bird will hang from a shelf or light shade and when carved well, rock back and forth with a slight breeze.

**Materials**

I have used Black Walnut for this example, but any wood that will look good sanded smooth and polished will yield great results.

Your balance bird can be as large or as small as you would like. I've made them as small as 1.5" long and as large as 3 ft. long.

The key to carving this bird is to keep the tail as long as possible, and stay true to your center line.

**Finish**

This bird is meant to be carved as a smoothie, not requiring any woodburning or paint.

Sand your bird to a 400 grit or more, then #000 steel wool. Apply a wax finish and buff with a clean cotton rag.

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**Recommended Knives**

**Roughout Detail Carver**  
**1-3/4" Blade**

**Slim Scalpel 1-1/4" Blade**