



Add antlers



Carve notches for
hoof definition



The base should remain
flat for stability

This long legged lady loves the carrot tops in our garden. She can be carved at any size as long as the base is as wide as the body and stays centered over the base.

Wood:

Basswood or Tupelo is recommended for this carving due to the detail that can be added.

Tools: This deer is best carved with a smaller knife such as a Detail Carver and a String Beaner.

I use a small v-gouge to carve the inside of the ears and the separation of the legs.

Options:

Hooves: You may leave the feet round or carve the notches in to give more detail.

Eyes: You can carve them and paint gloss polyurethane on them or you can mix india ink with 5 minute epoxy and drop them on a piece of waxpaper to make eyes. Make a lot of eyes so that you can match them for the correct size.

Antlers: Carve your antlers and set them onto the head with superglue.

A Complete Set: Carve two deer, put antlers on one for the buck and leave the doe with no antlers. For a fawn, shorten the length of the legs by one third.