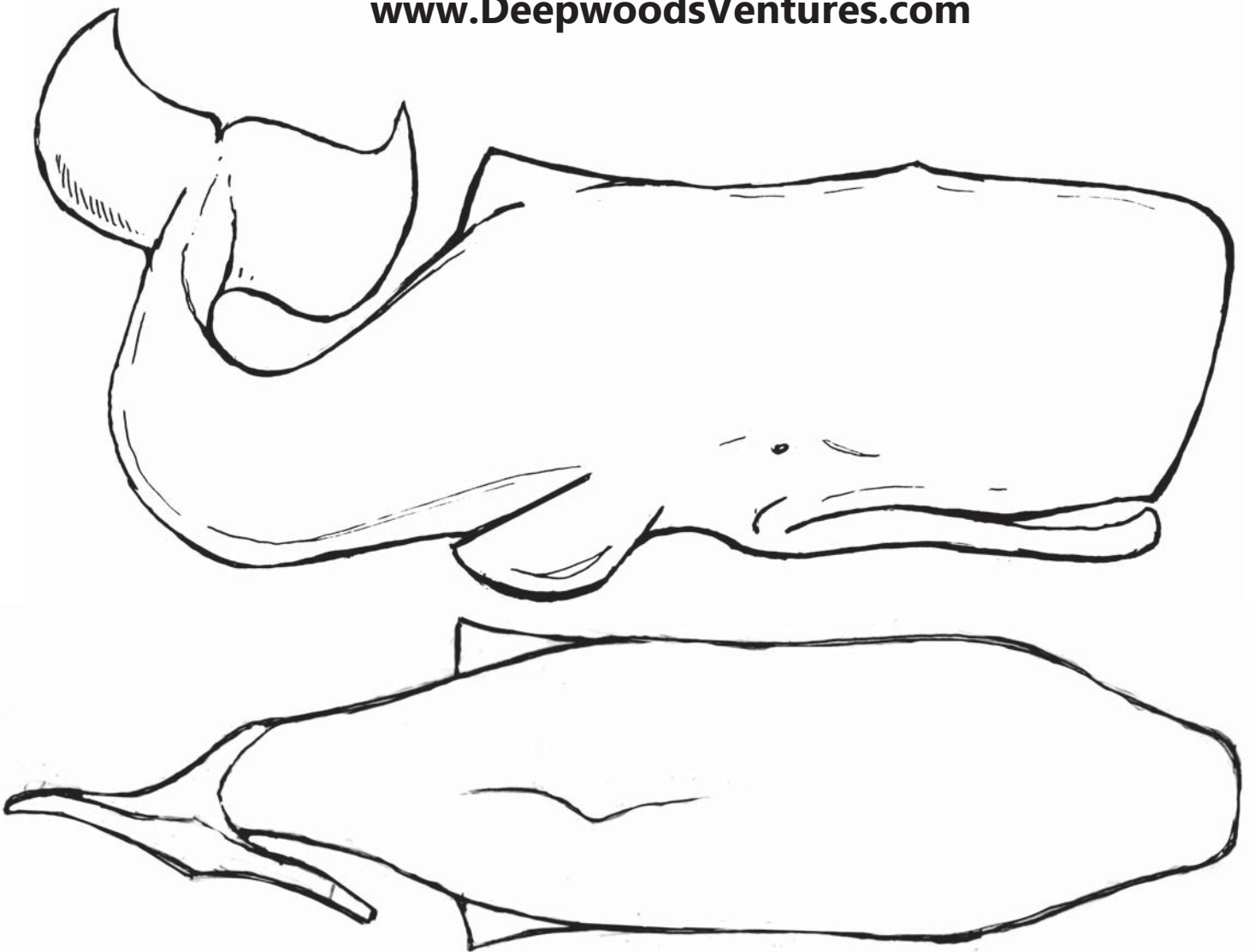


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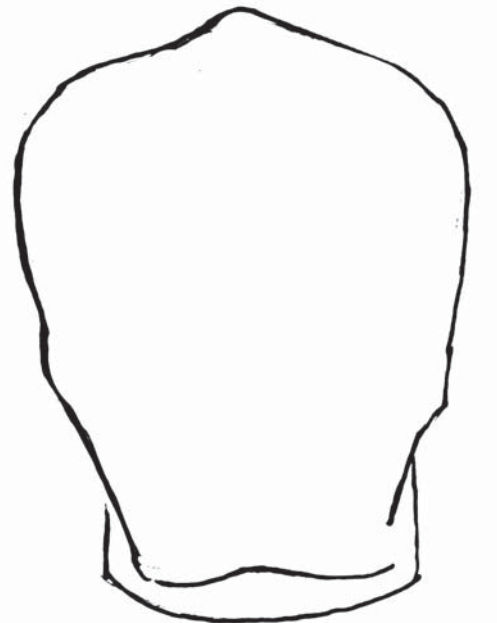
This Whale can be carved as a relief or in 3d. She can be carved at any scale you would like.

Carve the whale so that the chin, and the two fins touch a table top and don't wobble.

Wood:

Basswood or Tupelo is recommended for this carving, but a figured wood oiled to a natural finish would look great.

Tools: Depending on the scale you choose, this whale is best carved with a General Rougut Carver for fast removal of wood and smaller knife such as a Slim Scalpel for the eyes, mouth and in the tail area.



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Options:

You may sand her smooth and paint her or leave unpainted with tool marks for a more rustic look.

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.

A water plume made of wire glued into a hole drilled into the top could hold cards and or pictures. If you choose the plume, I would suggest a base to stabilize the whale.

I am told that the plumes/picture holders are available at most craft stores.

