

Resource List for Flat-plane carving – TS Burnside – Oregon Carvers Guild – 09/21/2022

Included are carving books and magazines as well as links to videos and other online sources.

Books

1. Book - Whittling Flat-Plane Animals, James Miller, Fox Chapel Publishing – 128 pgs.
2. Book - Carving Flat-Plane Style Caricatures, Harley Refsal, Fox Chapel Publishing – 79 pgs.
3. Book - Art & Technique of Scandinavian Style Woodcarving, Harley Refsal, Fox Chapel Publishing – 137 pgs.
4. Magazine – Woodcarving Illustrated, issue 99, pg. 50, Carving a Flat Plane Character
5. Magazine – Woodcarving Illustrated, issue 100, pg. 69, Laid-Back Guy – Flat Plane tutorial
6. YouTube Video – Flat Plane Carver with Harley Refsal, 27 min.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p5MpUrjVMk>
7. Web Article – Carving Junkies Ultimate Flat Plane Carving Guide,
<https://www.carvingjunkies.com/flat-plane-carving.html>
8. Tools – Morakniv Sloyd Knife model 122, 2.4 inch blade
9. Tools – Morakniv Sloyd Knife model 106, 3.2 inch blade
10. Tools – Helvie rough out carving knife, 1.6 inch blade

The most useful book for me getting started was number 2 above, “Carving Flat-Plane Style Caricatures”. It has a brief history of this style of carving followed by four full step-by-step guides followed by 44 patterns giving frontal and profile views. The two Woodcarving Illustrated articles are excellent step-by-step guides with figures that epitomize the flat-plane style. I enjoyed the Harley Refsal video (item 6). He narrates almost the entire thing. Reference number 7, “Carving Junkies, Ultimate Flat-Plane Carving Guide”, provides a compact but informative description of the style, tools, painting etc. This online article also has links to tutorials for beginners. Last but not least, the tools. Although I love my Helvie rough out knife, the Morakniv 122 Sloyd knife is my go-to knife for Flat-Plane carving. The longer blade is perfect for me when carving any figure for 6 to 16 inches. For figures smaller than 6 inches I usually scale down to a pocket knife or the Helvie roughout knife. The Morakniv 122 is sharp and strong, easy to keep sharp, and holds an edge longer than most of my knives.

Thank you for joining me on in the OCG monthly meeting and listening to my Flat-Plane carving presentation. I will be giving a class soon for beginning Flat-Plane carvers. If you are interested, please let me know.