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Carved Hiking Sticks - Make Your Own

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Summary:

Hand carved hiking sticks can cost anywhere from \$10 to \$100. Why not make one for yourself?

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Article Body:

What do you need to make your own hand carved hiking sticks? A pocket knife and a walk in the

<P>What type of wood should you use? Any type you want, but be aware of the differences. Many

<P>One of my favorite trees for carved hiking sticks is poplar. It's light, and one of the eas

<P>Northern White Cedar is a much tougher wood to carve, but it is beautiful, straight, and on

<P>Making Your Carved Hiking Stick

<P>What if you don't know your trees? Find a straight young tree in any area that could use th

<P>How long should it be? A general rule is to have the hiking stick come up to just below you

<P>Cut away from yourself, removing all the bark. Narrow down the bottom end, but not to a sha

<P>If you start with green wood, it is best to let it dry for at least a few weeks. Carving it

<P>I wrap the bottom end with leather (with a small nail to hold it) to keep the stick from sp

<P>Get creative. Use a wood burner to add designs to your hiking stick. Drill a hole in the to

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