

PFW has a small selection of carving gouges for students to use. However, if you have your own tools or would like an excuse to purchase some new ones, the Tool List is below. The tools listed are a starting point. Regarding brands, Pfeil Swiss Made, Ashley Iles, and Henry Taylor carving tools are excellent, along with several other brands. [Tools for Working Wood](#) and [Lee Valley/Veritas](#) are good choices for vendors. There are also several dedicated woodcarving websites that offer quality gouges and carving tools. Full-size tools are a little more versatile and easier to hold, and having a range of shapes is helpful. Lower numbers represent flatter gouges while higher numbers have a greater amount of curve (sweep).

Pfeil Swiss Made has a 6-piece starter set that is one of several good options. The set includes;

- 8mm straight chisel
- 12mm No. 5 gouge
- 10mm No. 7 gouge
- 10mm No. 9 gouge
- 3mm No. 11 veiner
- 6mm No. 12 V-parting tool

Another choice to get started would be;

8mm No. 3 (5/16in.)

14mm No. 3 (1/2in.)

8mm No. 5 (5/16in.)

14mm No. 5 (1/2in.)

8mm No. 9 (5/16in.)

14mm No. 9 (1/2in.)

10mm 60 deg. V-tool (3/8in.)