

Paddle short story

1 Good morning , my name is Huckleberry and today I will carve a paddle.

2 Before starting I need to get my tools and wood together.

These are the things I need

3 Straight edge knife, slow curve knife , hook knife, elbow adze,electric planer ,band saw ,paint brushes , sandpaper and paint .

4 Now I will go find my wood

5 I found a piece of red cedar, a piece of yellow cedar and a piece of maple.

6 I am going to use maple to make a race paddle just like my grandpa's.

7 I run to my grandpas house and ask him for the measurements

8 He tells me the handle must be 3.5 inches long ,the shaft will be 29 inches long and the blade is to be 9 inches across and 18 inches wide.

9 Grandpa takes the piece of maple and cuts the shape of the paddle out for me.

10 Now I can start, I will begin carving the shaft. This helps to smooth it out, the next step is carving the handle as it needs to be able to be gripped easily to cut through the water on the canoe.

11 The blade is the last part of the paddle to be carved, I make sure not to carve it too thin or it will crack.

12 The canoe paddle is carved and ready to be sanded.

13 I do a rough sanding first as I prepare to carve designs into the paddle, the first design I carve into the paddle is two trigons followed by four crescents on either side of the paddle.

14 The paddle is missing something....

15 I know, I'll add two circles at the top of the paddle and one at the bottom.

16 I mirrored this design on both sides of the paddle.

17 The designs are now completed and I can move onto the final round of sanding on the paddle.

18 The paddle is ready to be painted but what colors should I pick?

19 My favorite colors are red, green and blue so those will be the colors of my paddle.

20 I paint the crescents green ,the trigons red and the circles blue.I let the paint dry for a few hours and add a finish on top to protect the paddle from the salt water.

21 My paddle is complete ,time to go test it out!