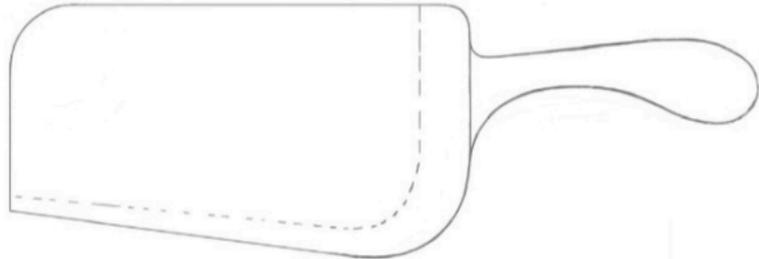
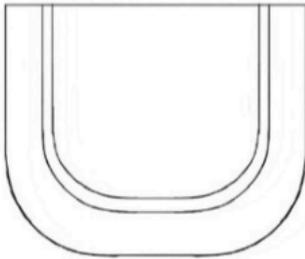
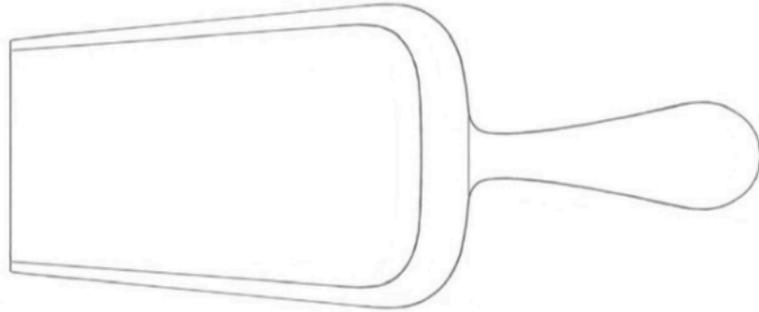


#RUAC Spoon Challenge 47

Dimensions

Choose a size that suits your needs or matches the material you have available.



Basic tools required to make a scoop:

- Hand saw
- Hand axe
- Hook knife
- Straight knife

Note. Always use appropriate safety gear



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Curved gouges will make life easier taking material out of the bowl. A bowl gouge is good for getting into tight corners

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The addition
of an adze
helps with
bigger scoops

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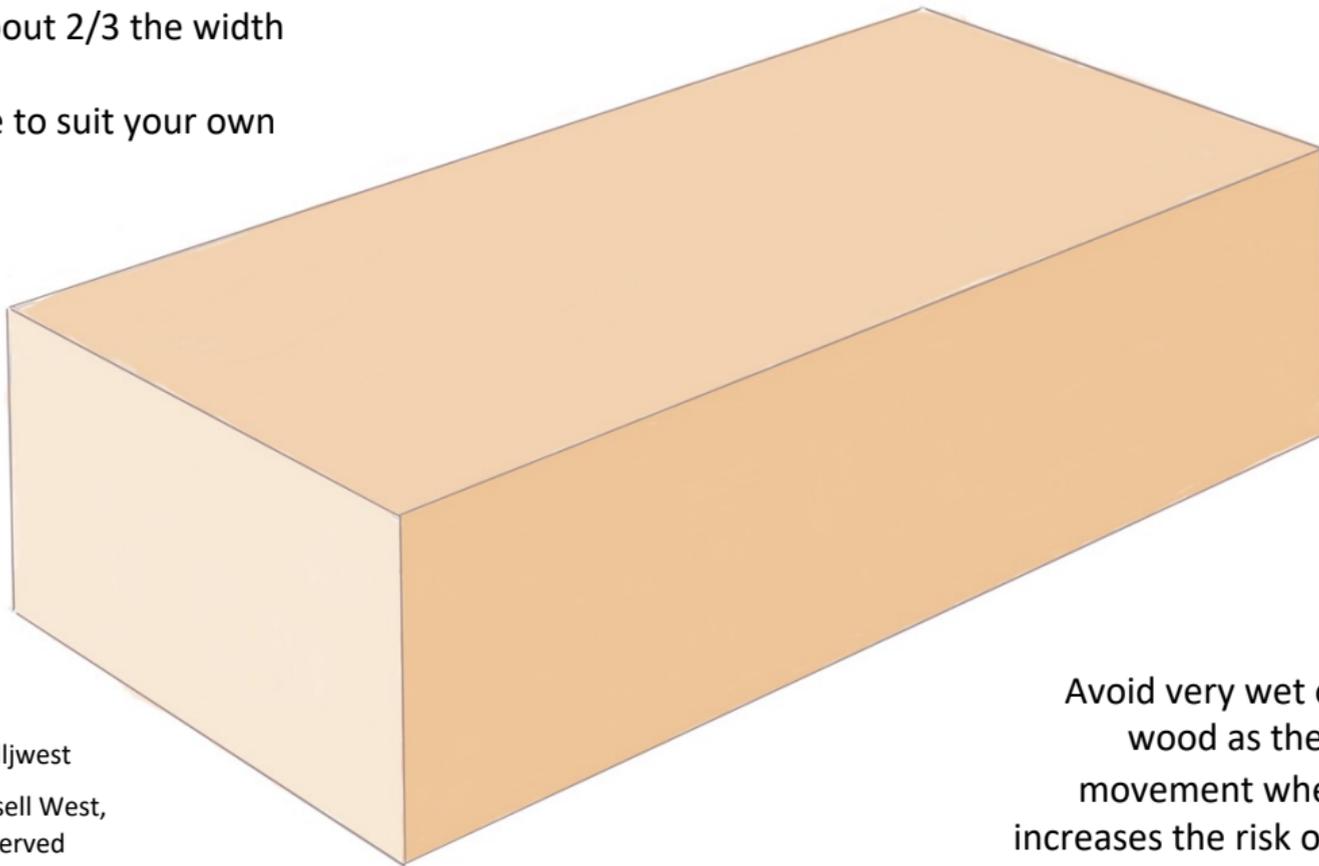


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I start with a rectangular billet
Length approximately 2x width
Height about 2/3 the width

Use a size to suit your own
design



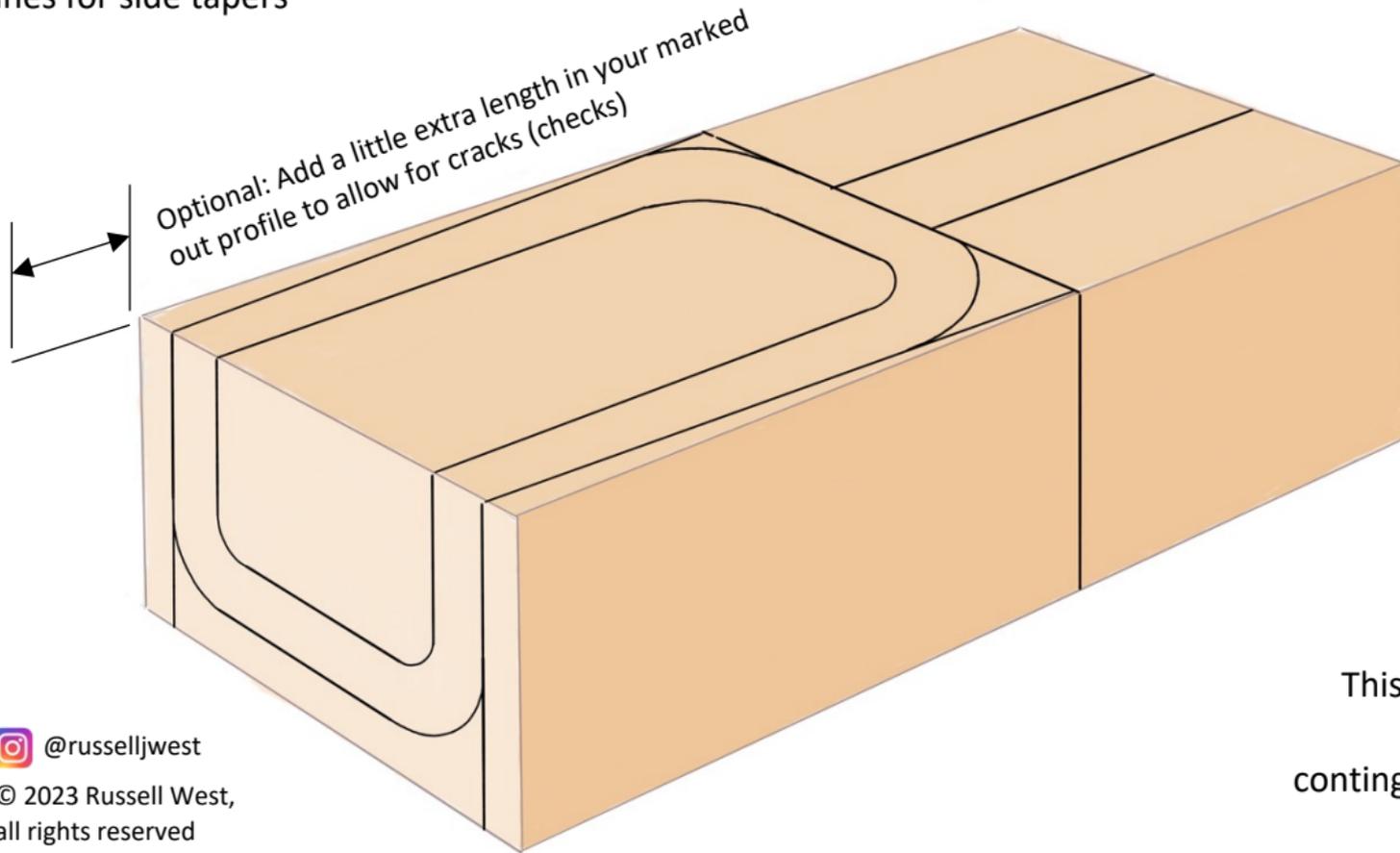
I like to use
hardwood
like beech or
maple, but
fruit woods
work well
too

Avoid very wet or freshly felled
wood as there will be more
movement when drying which
increases the risk of crack (checks)

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Mark out the top and end profile, and
lines for side tapers



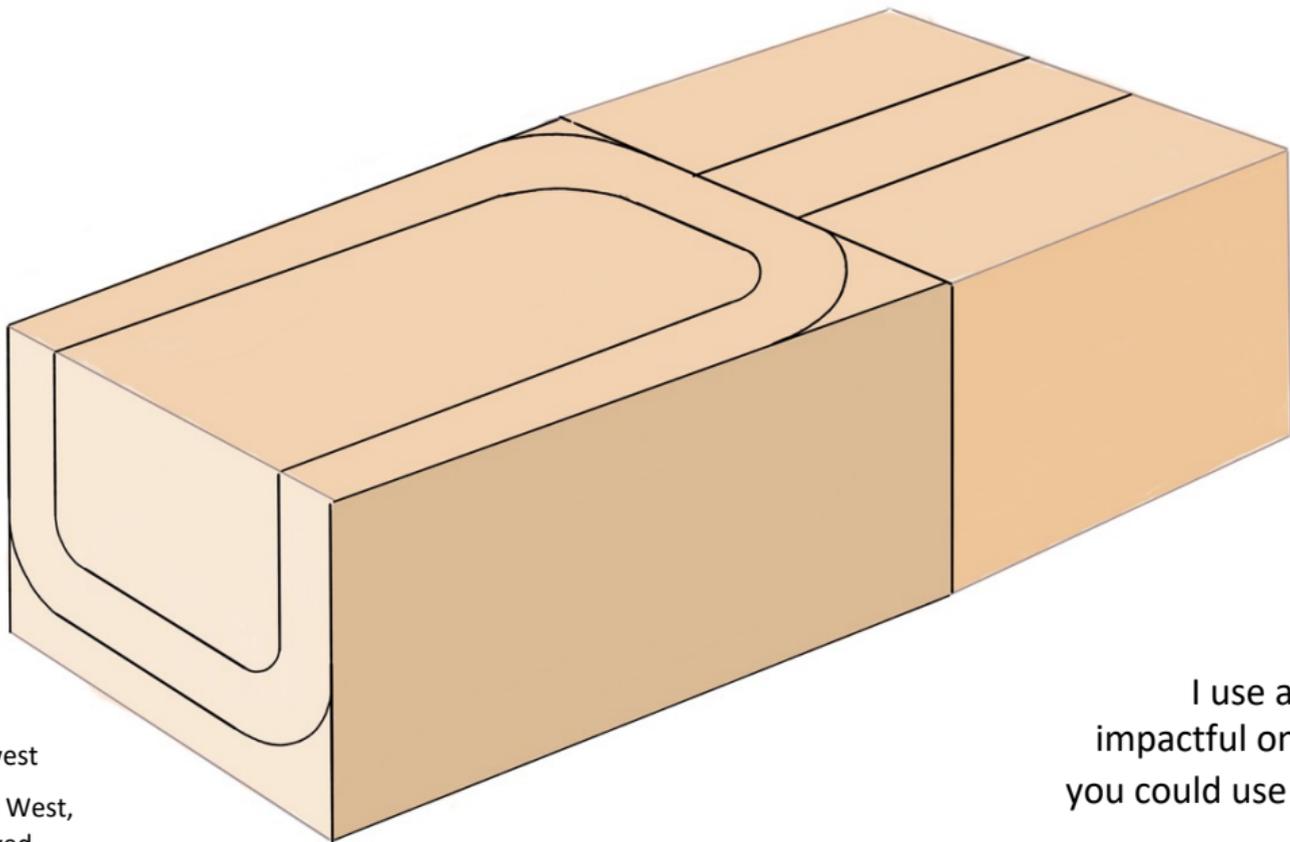
This will be a rough
profile with
contingency and room
for finishing



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Taper the sides

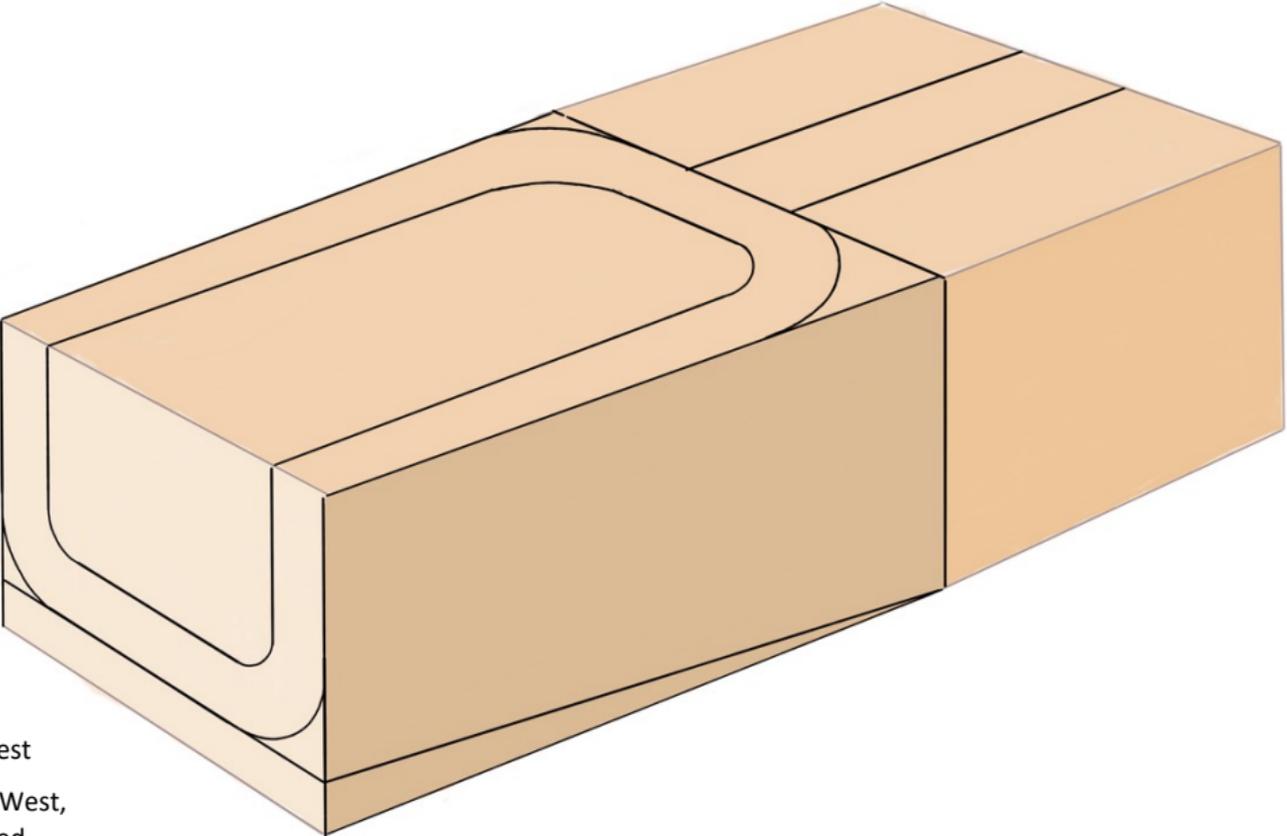


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I use a saw as it's less
impactful on the wood, but
you could use an axe or draw
knife here

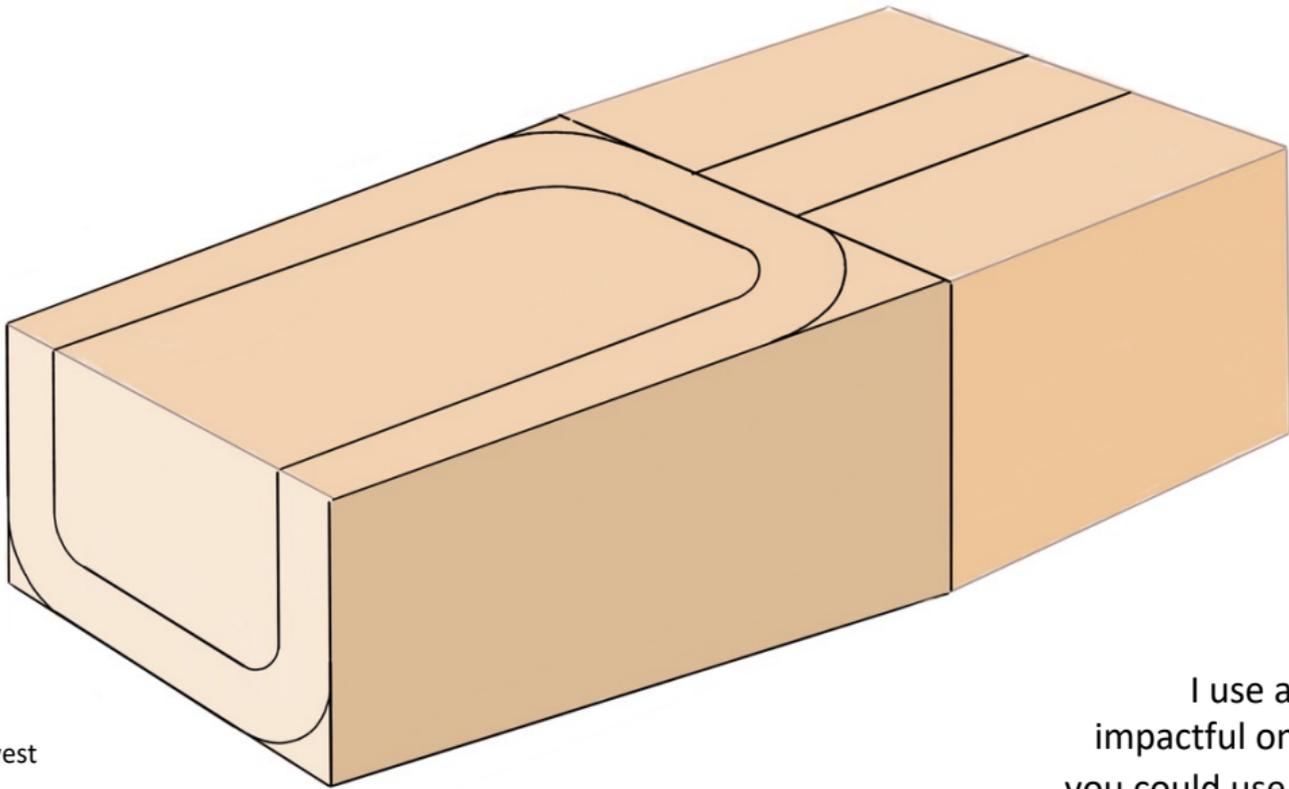
Mark out an underside taper



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Taper the underside

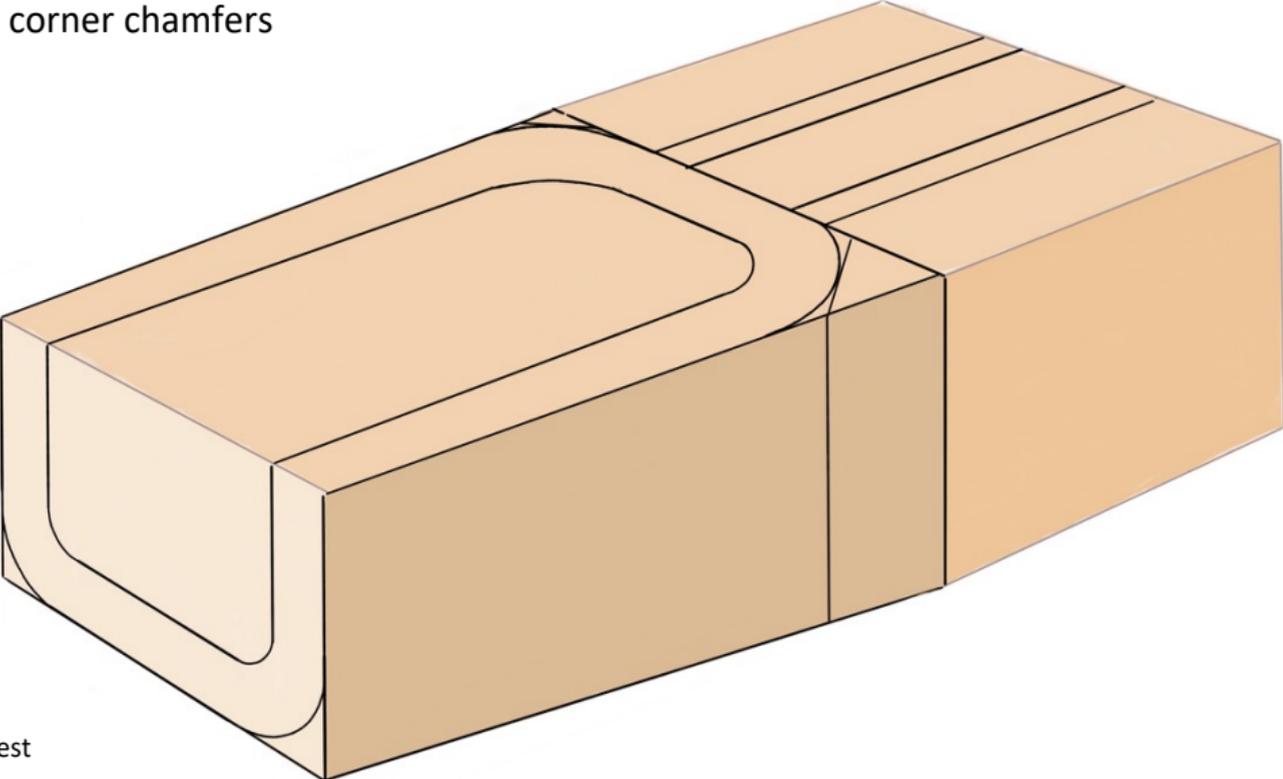


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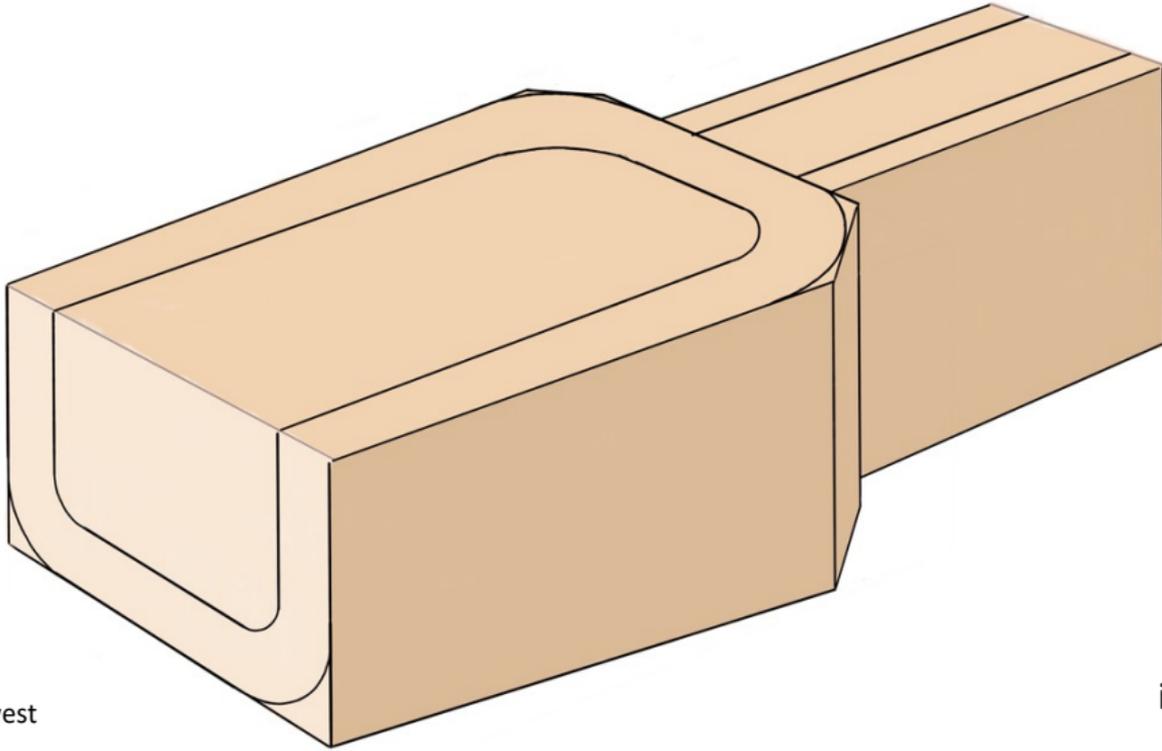
Mark out rough handle pillar, with contingency to keep some strength. As well as back corner chamfers



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Cut out the rough handle pillar and back
chamfer

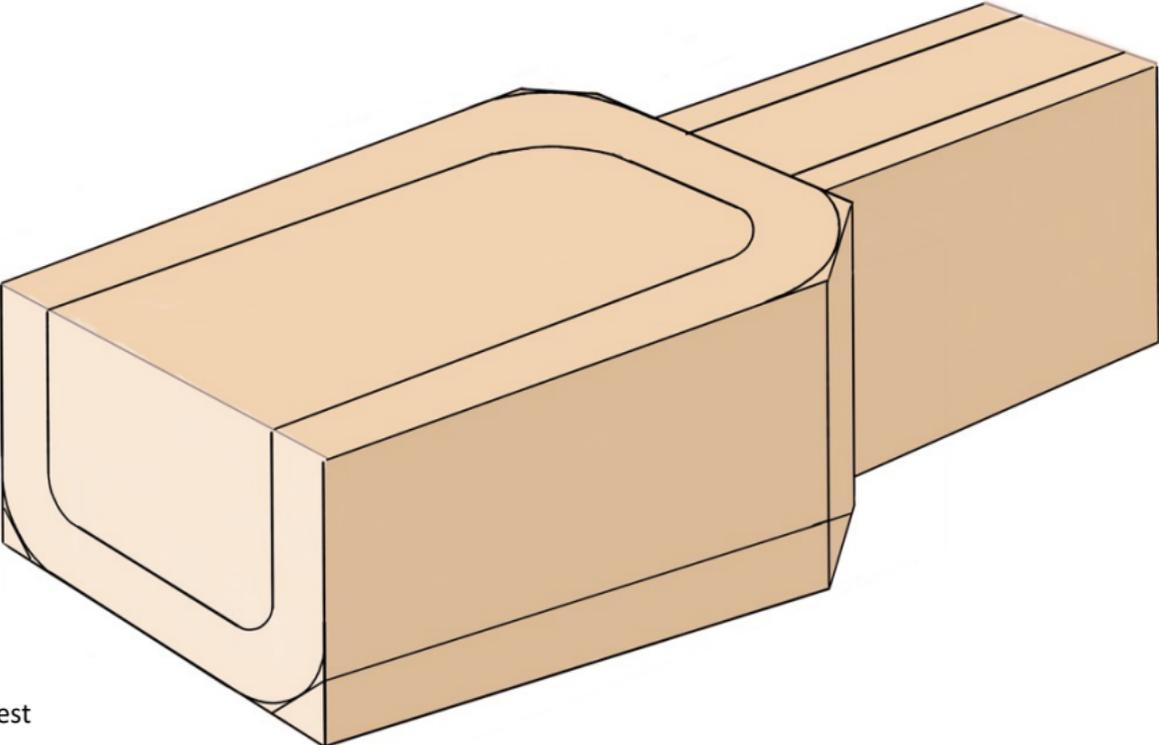


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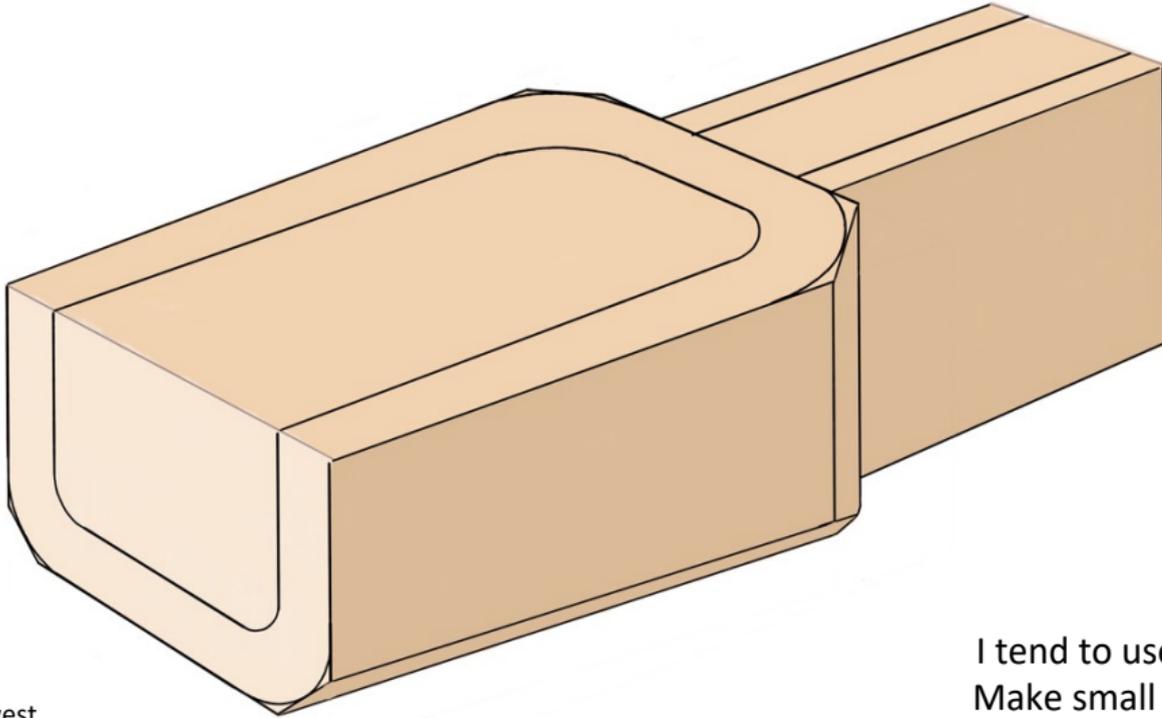
Mark out rough chamfers on the bowl underside



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Cut out the rough bowl chamfers on the underside

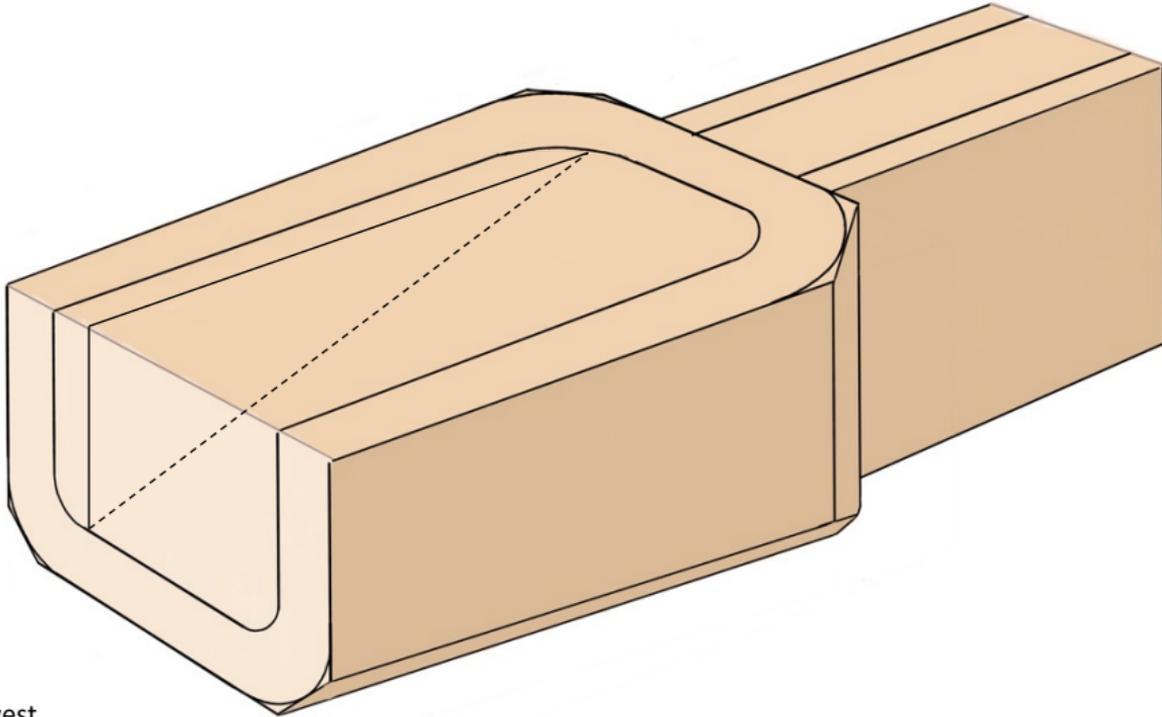


I tend to use an axe here axe here.
Make small cuts to avoid too much
impact on the wood – this helps avoid
cracks (checks) later

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Cut between the line at the back of the bowl and the front



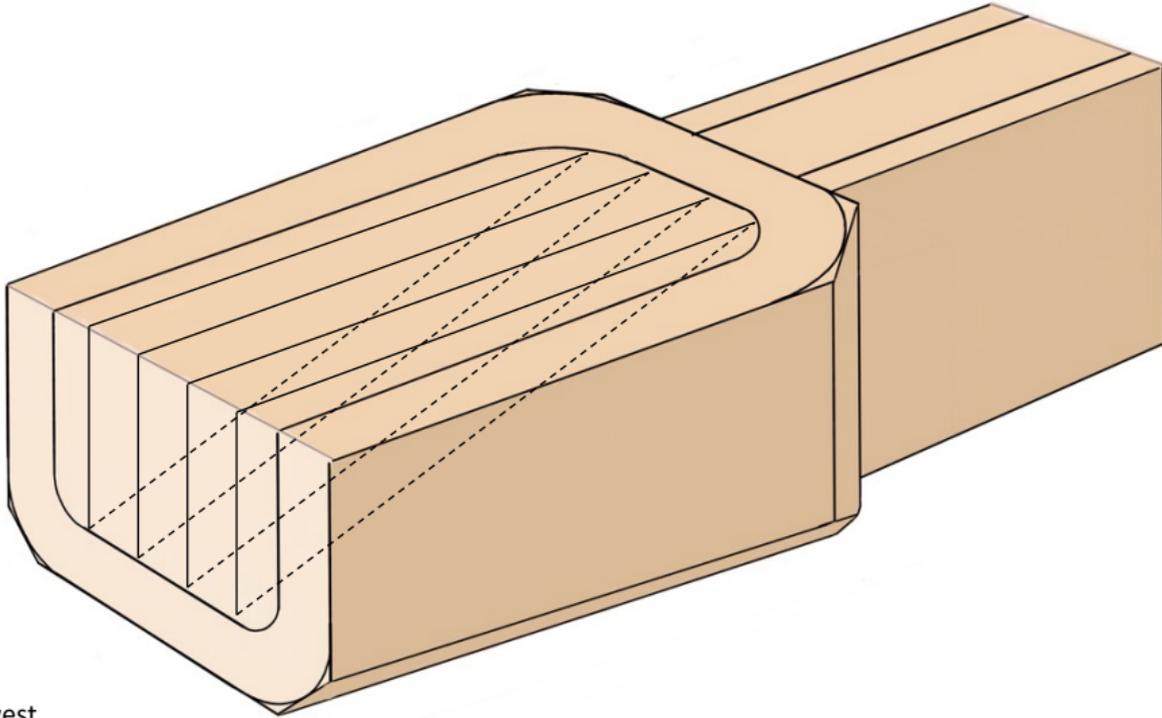
This helps prepare
the bowl to remove
material more
easily



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Make multiple cuts

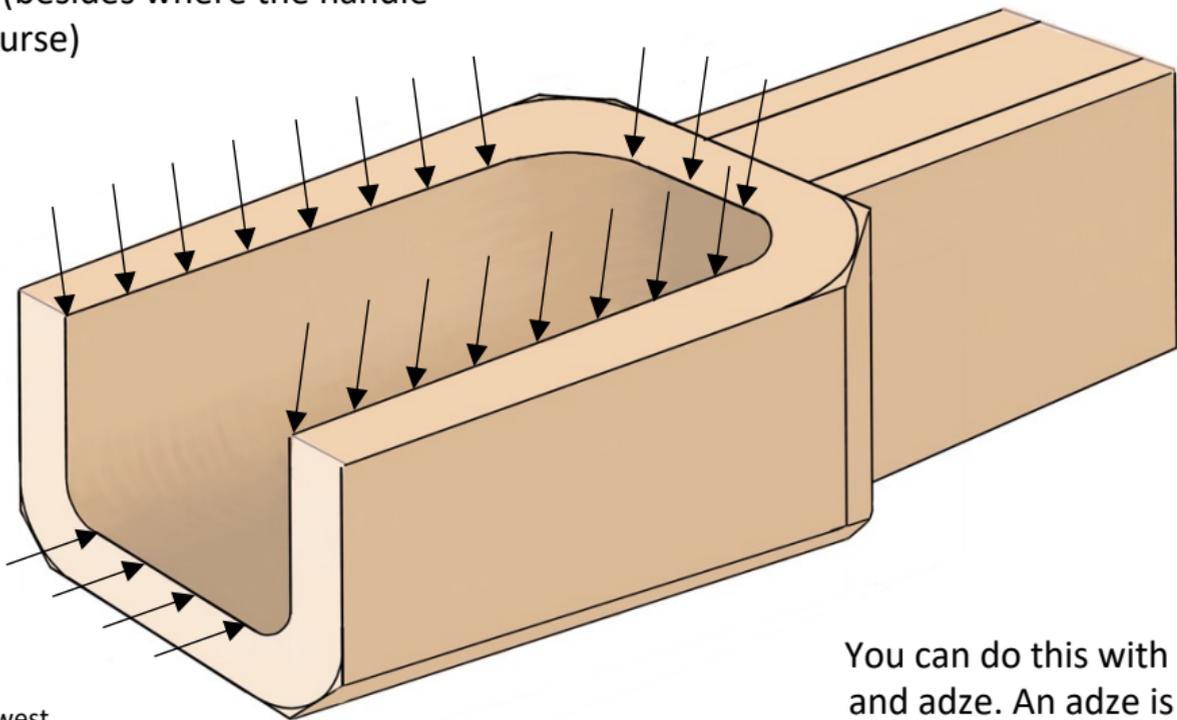


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This helps prepare
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Carefully remove bowl material. Aim to make a consistent wall thickness as much as you can (besides where the handle joins, of course)



Work from the back and sides towards the middle of the bowl

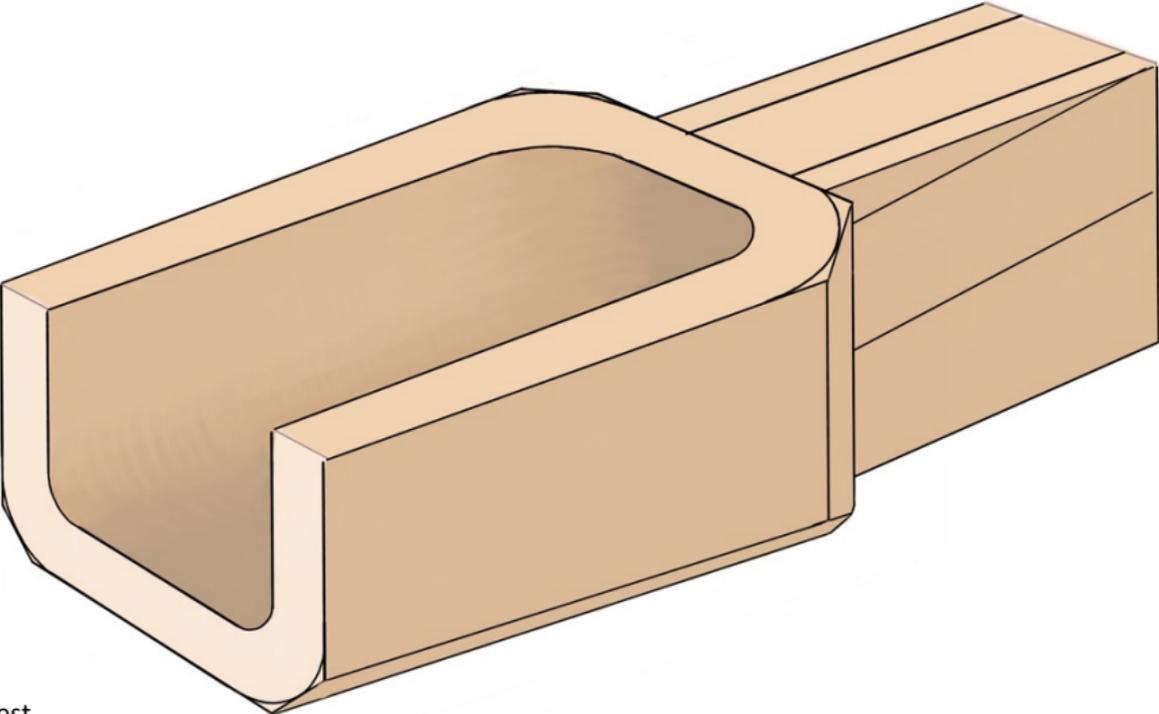
Then carefully from the front towards the back – *ensuring you are not working against the grain*

You can do this with hook knives, gouges or and adze. An adze is ideal for bigger scoops but give yourself a bit more wall thickness to allow for an errant swings!

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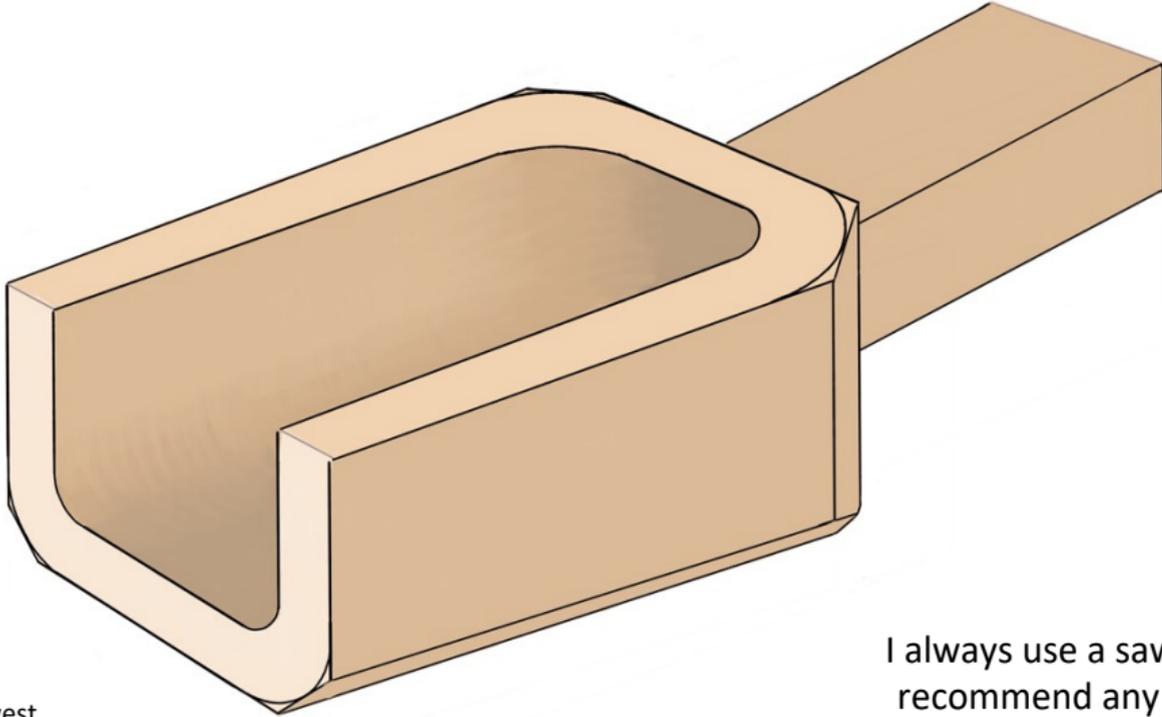
Mark out your rough handle on the side,
according to your preferred design



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Carefully cut the rough handle shape out

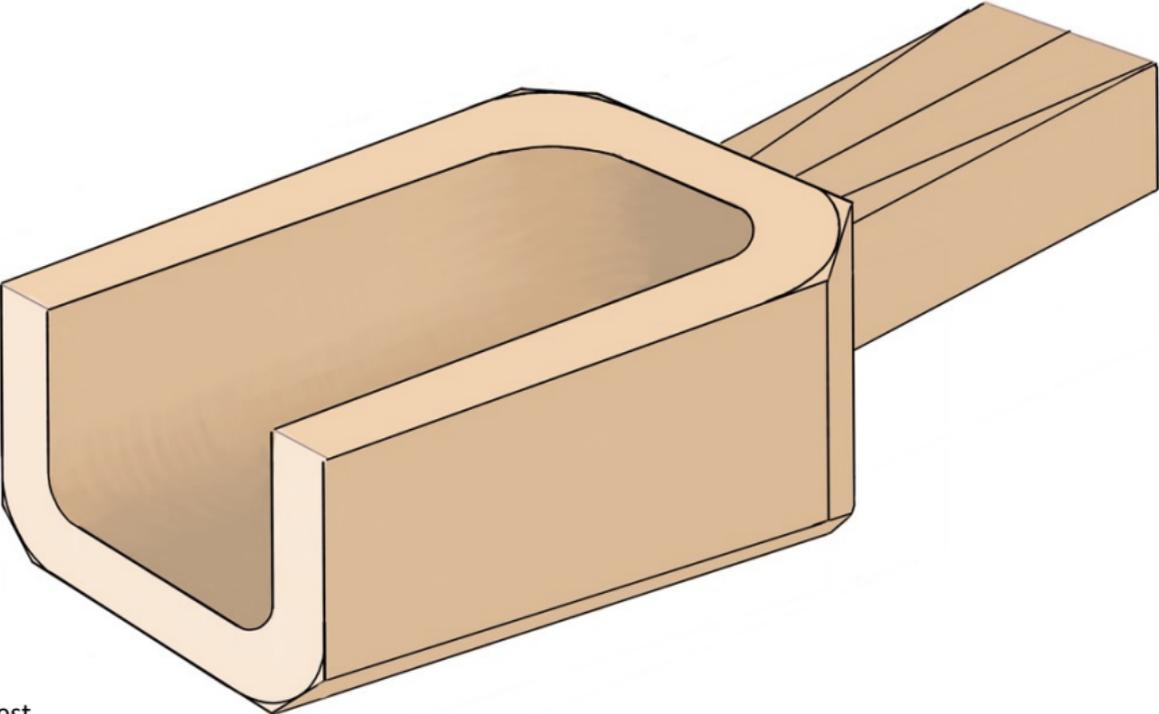


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I always use a saw for this, and wouldn't recommend any other way as there is a higher risk of cracking (checking) later on if you use an axe for example

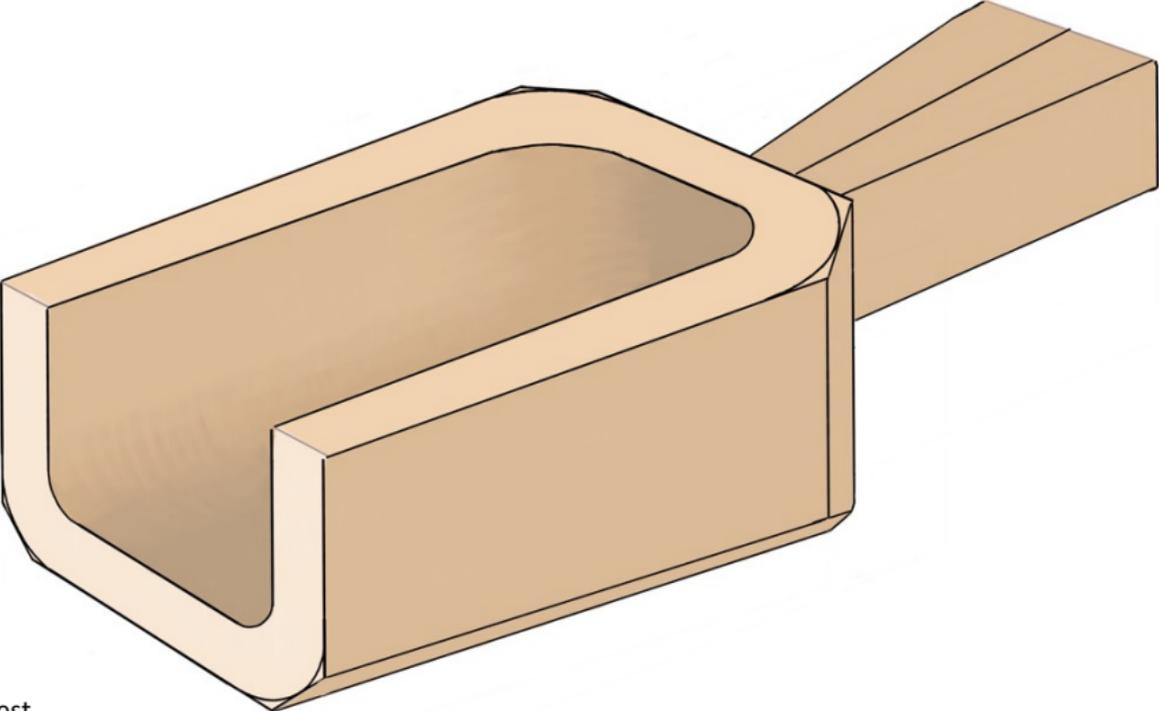
Mark out a taper to the handle (if that suits your design of course)



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Carefully cut the handle taper

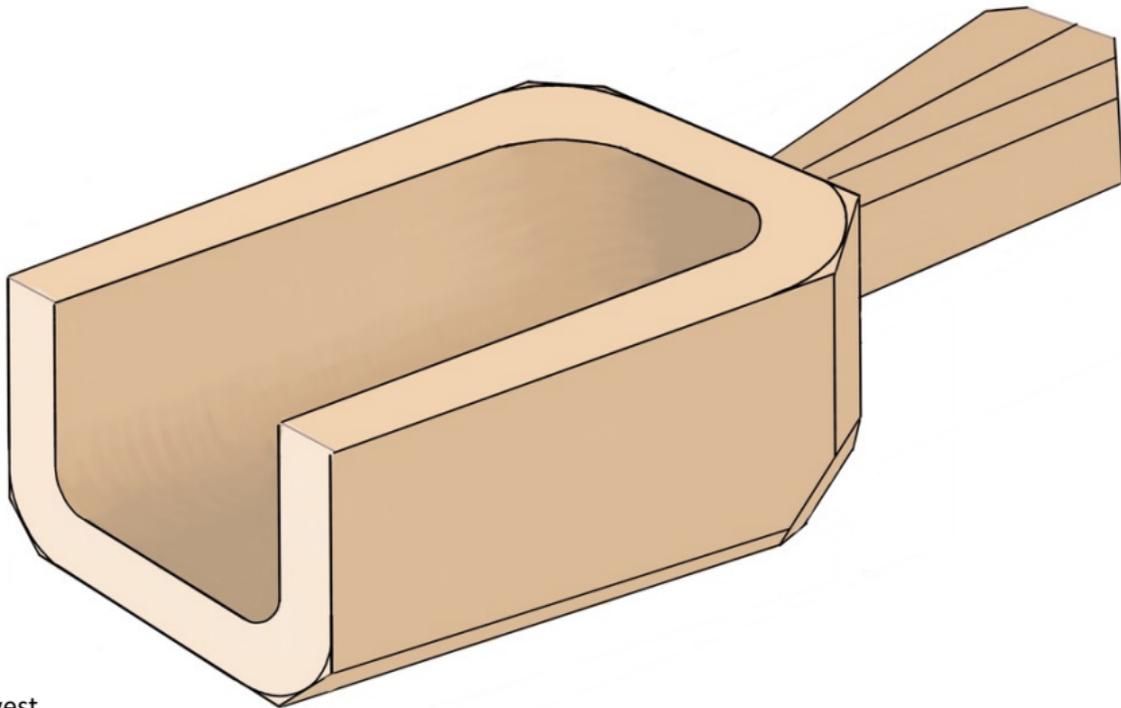


I use a saw or
straight knife for
this

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Carve the corners off your handle and
the rear underside of your bowl

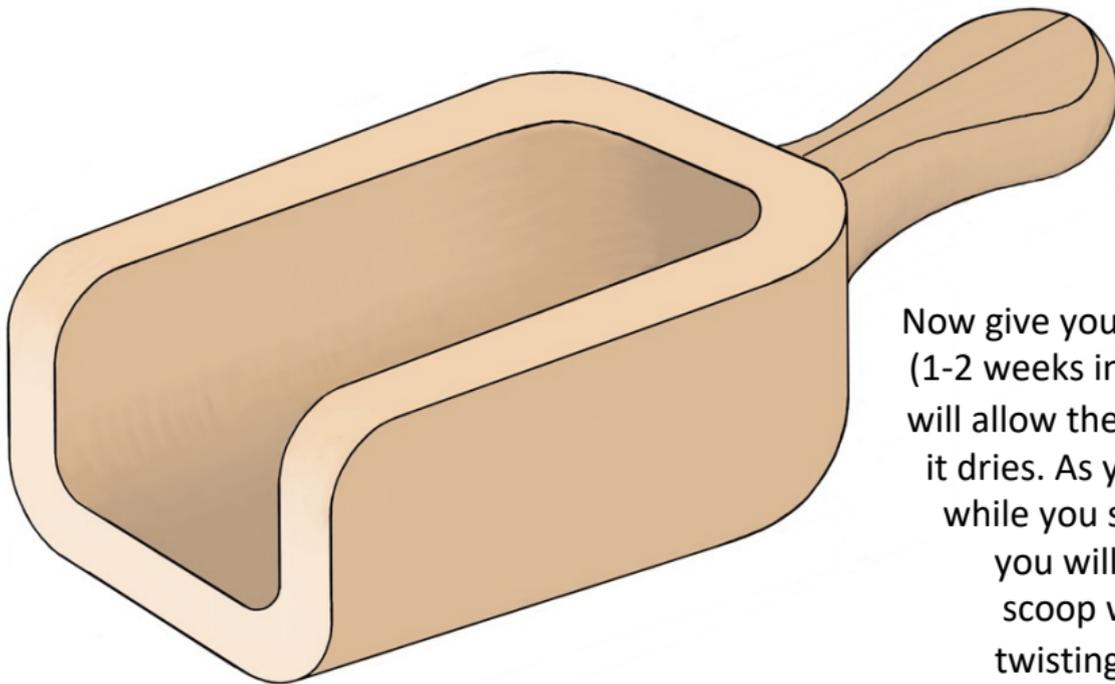


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I use a saw or
straight knife for
this

Round off the scoop shape. The bowl should have a consistent thickness where possible, and the handle is close to its final shape



I use a straight knife and hook knives for this

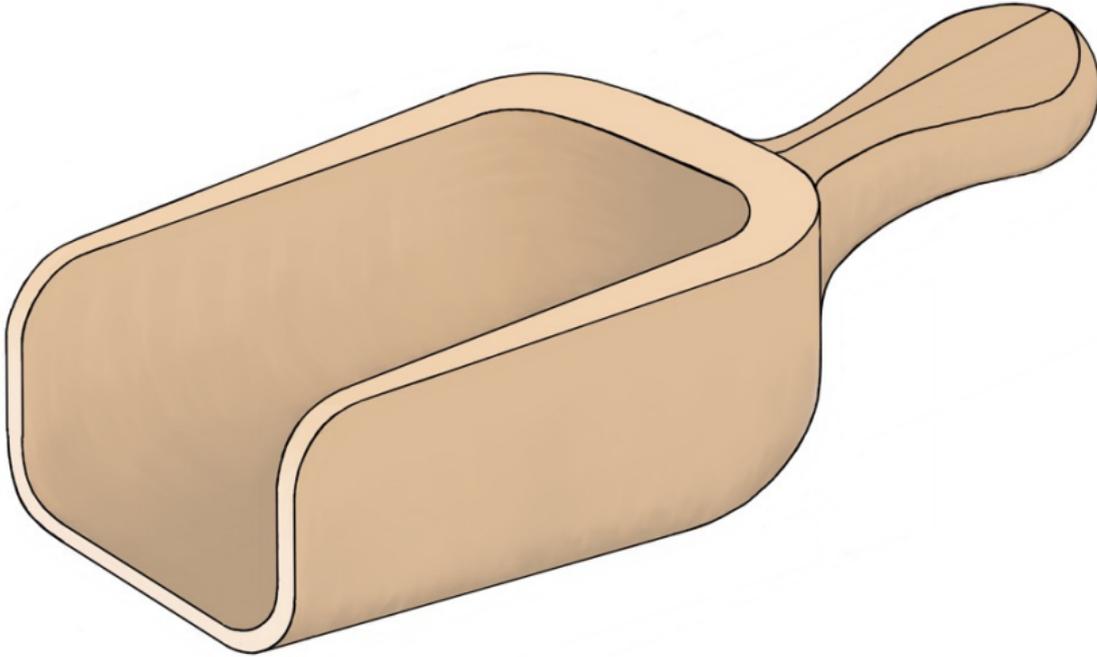
Now give your scoop time to dry a little (1-2 weeks in wood chips, ideally). This will allow the wood to flex and warp as it dries. As you are letting this happen while you still have material to spare you will have room to adjust your scoop when finishing to allow for twisting and small cracks (checks)

You don't have to do this if your wood is already quite dry

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When your scoop is dryer, finish the inside and outside to the shape and taper you want

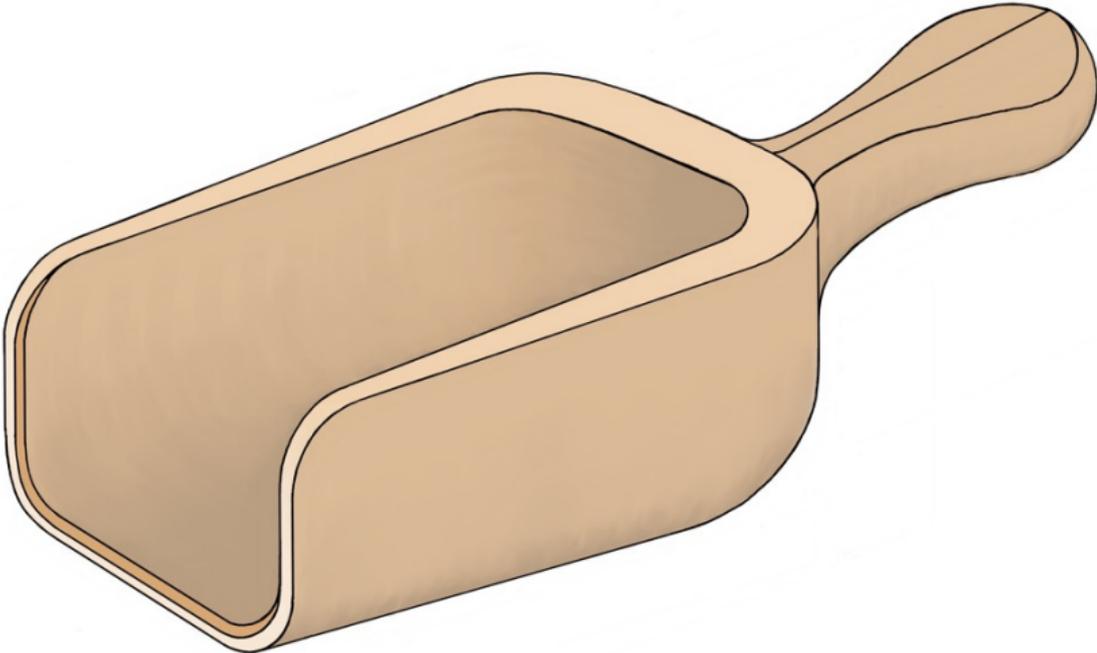


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I use a straight
knife and hook
knives for this

Now add a chamfer on the inside or outside to make it easier to scoop things up



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straight knife
and hook
knives for this