



# Mother and Baby Duck Plaque

*Carved by Rob Wand for Walnut Hollow*

## Materials:

- Walnut Hollow® #3510 Medium Basswood Country Plank
- Walnut Hollow® #4004 Carving Set – 4 Piece
- Black Paint
- Other Supplies: brush, eraser, white chalk, paper towel, pencil or stylus, sand paper, spray varnish

## Instructions:

**Negative Carving:** Negative Carving is done using a painted surface. The carving techniques allow the light wood color to show through the paint in the carved areas. Be sure to seal the wood after carving to protect against moisture gain and loss. The U-shaped gouges will make soft carving lines. V-shaped gouges will make sharp v-shaped lines. Both can be used for outlining or texturing within the pattern.

Practice on a scrap of wood to get used to the tools before starting the project. Do not make deep cuts. Basically only the paint and a small amount of wood are removed.

1. To prepare plank for painting, use sand paper to lightly sand surface. Remove dust with paper towel.
2. Use brush to apply black paint to top center of plank. Be careful not to get paint on the bark. Let dry.
3. Rub white chalk on the back of the pattern(page 2). Place pattern on black paint. Trace pattern with stylus. Remove pattern.
4. Use the side of the Square Chisel to make a stop line around the outside of the ducks. Do not press deep into the wood. When pushing a gouge toward this line it will help stop the gouge from going past the line. Use the various tools to remove the appropriate amount of paint. Work very slowly and do not press too hard.
5. When complete, use eraser or damp cloth to remove any chalk marks. Apply 2-3 coats of spray varnish.



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