

The image shows a collection of wood carving tools, including gouges, chisels, and a gouge with a curved handle, all with light-colored wooden handles. They are arranged in a tan leather carrying case. In the foreground, there are several pieces of wood shavings and a partially carved wooden piece, possibly a small animal or figure, with some black ink markings. The background is dark, and a bright yellow circle is visible in the top right corner.

Complete Guide to Wood Carving

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