

FILES, RASPS, and OTHER CARVING TOOLS

- ❶ In order to shape the curves of a wooden project , excess wood can be removed with rasps and files.
- ❷ Rasps and files are made of *hardened steel* with teeth cut into their surfaces.
 - ☞ **You must never** hit a rasp or a file on a hard surface because it will break.
- ❸ Rasps and files are available in many shapes, sizes, tooth sizes and tooth arrangements to suit many different carving situations.
- ❹ Rasps and files can be cleaned with a **file card** or **mineral spirits**.
- ❺ Rasps and files **cannot be sharpened** and **must be** *properly stored* to prevent dulling the teeth.
- ❻ Other carving tools include:
 - Carving chisels**
 - ☞ also available in many shapes and sizes
 - Surforms**
 - ☞ these look and perform like cheese graters for wood.
 - Carving Knives**
 - ☞ used largely for 'chip' and figure carving