

# Basic Survival Tool Crafting

This playbook describes the sequential steps necessary to craft essential survival tools, including knives, axes, and cooking implements, using readily available materials. It is a guide for those in a survival situation needing to build tools for basic tasks.

## Step 1: **Material Gathering**

Collect materials such as hardwood, stone, and flexible vines or fibrous plants. Hardwood is needed for handles, stone for tool heads, and vines or fibrous plants for binding components together.

## Step 2: **Tool Design**

Decide what type of tool is needed based on your survival situation. Identify the shape and size of the tool which will help determine the required materials and construction process.

## Step 3: **Shaping Stone**

Using a harder stone, chip away at a softer stone to shape the tool head—whether it's a blade for a knife or a heavier head for an axe. Be sure to create a sharp edge for cutting or a weighty form for chopping.

## Step 4: **Carving Handles**

Carve the hardwood to create handles. The handle should fit comfortably in the hand and be long enough to provide leverage for the tool's intended use.

## Step 5: **Binding Components**

Use vines or fibrous plants to securely bind the stone tool head to the wooden handle. Ensure the binding is tight and secure to prevent the head from dislodging during use.

## Step 6: **Tool Sharpening**

With another stone, grind the edge of the tool to sharpen it. For knives, a fine-edge is desired, while axes will need a more robust edge meant for chopping.

## Step 7: **Testing Tools**

Test the completed tools to ensure they perform their intended function. Make any necessary adjustments to the tool's balance or sharpness.

# **General Notes**

## **Safety Precautions**

Always exercise caution when shaping stone and wood to prevent injury. Keep fingers away from the area where impact is applied to shape materials.

## Tools Maintenance

After use, inspect tools for damage and wear. Keep the blade sharp and bindings tight to ensure the tool remains functional.

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