

# Cutting/Shaping Pieces

Usually only needed for irregular works





Scissors might be used for a small, intricate pieces using strong, thin cardboard



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An X-acto knife is good for cutting through thin balsa wood and cutting/shaping seeds



X-acto knife used to split and shape lima beans for eyes



A jackknife can be used to whittle wood in a category that allows tree parts



A jigsaw is very useful for cutting balsa wood into shapes



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You can also find some wooden shapes at craft stores and/or online



Letters and numbers, flowers, birds, hearts, stars, squares, triangles, circles, etc.

A simple drill may be useful for wood pieces or seeds



This 'flower' was made by drilling holes in lupin seeds and threading them on a piece of wire.

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A Dremel rotary tool can shape wood and seeds very accurately





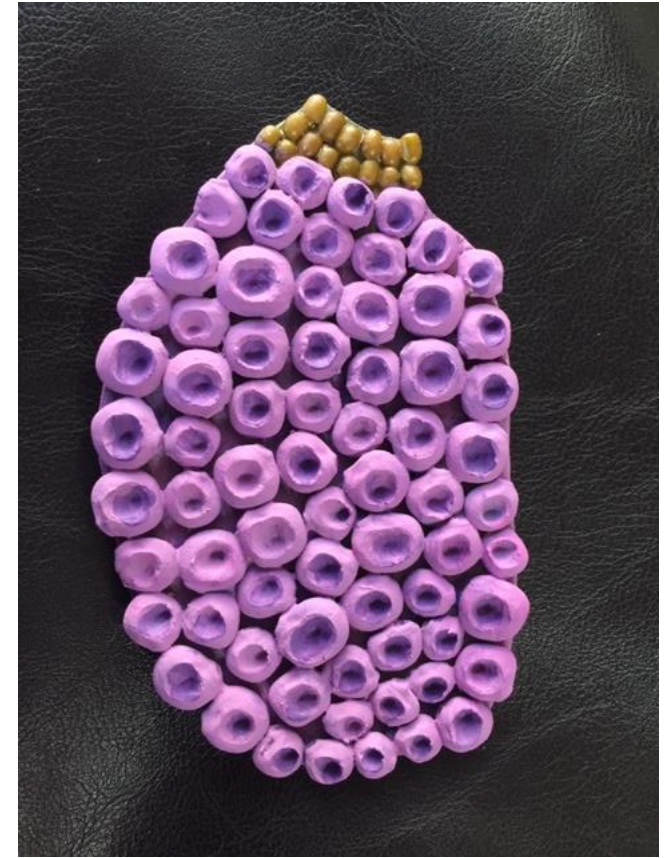
For example...



You want to replicate this micrograph of a seed



So you hollow out lupin seeds with  
a rounded tip



And paint



Finally, some people might opt for a laser printer



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