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Tools & supplies students should bring:

Rotary power carver - My personal preference, for what I do, is a micro motor.

A couple of suggestions are the Mastercarver Micro-Pro Champion, found at www.woodcarverssupply.com and the Ram iCube or Ram Power 45 found at www.mdiwoodcarvers.com. No need to get the foot control. If you are planning to bring a flex-shaft, such as Foredom, **please check your maximum rpms**. Some of the older ones only go up to 18,000 rpms. This **will** cause you problems. The majority of my carving is done in the 25,000 – 35,000 rpm range. Also, if you bring a flex-shaft I would recommend bringing a portable tool stand.

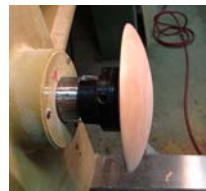
Be sure to have a 3/32" collet for your carver.

- Contact me if you need help or have questions but I highly recommend going with the micro motor.

Carving Burrs – Please bring the following burrs plus your favorites. They can be found at MDI Woodcarvers Supply www.mdiwoodcarvers.com 1-800-866-5728

stump cutter (you will need 2)	#20-B5	\$8.25 ea.
mini stump cutters	# 21-SET36	\$5.25
and	# 21-SET39	\$5.25
Diamond cutter set	#17-20S	\$7.50
Saburr burr	# 37- 3FSMY (fine)	\$14.50
Super Course Ruby	#15-SC05	\$10.50

Turned Disc - You should bring a turned dome shaped disc about 6"-7" in diameter. This must be dry wood not green. Cherry is my preferred choice, but you mainly want a nice tight grain wood with no figure. Avoid woods with open grain or ones that may cause allergic reactions. This will enable you to practice working on a curved surface, before attempting one of your turnings.



1 ¼" thick by about 7" diameter dome shape disc works well. I make mine out of kiln dry board stock. (I may have some for purchase if you don't get around to making one)

Woodburner – If you have one

Also Bring: dust mask, ear plugs, old toothbrush or paint brush for dust and pencil & paper. If you need magnifiers for detail work, don't forget to bring those. A task light is very helpful, also, a cushion to sit on. It's a long day of sitting!