

# Q-Tip Your Carving

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Want to test a Q-tip's cleaning power? Well, here's an easy way to do so!

## Directions:

**1** With the pencil, outline your design on the balsa wood.

**2** Take the X-Acto knife and carefully carve the balsa, following the lines you made.

**3** Pick up your balsa and run your hand along its sides every day.

**4** After handling your carving for two weeks, note the dirty smudge marks everywhere.

**5** Put a little water in a small cup. Place your finger in the water and then on the end of a Q-tip—just enough to slightly dampen the cotton.

**6** Slowly, and without much pressure, rub the dampened Q-tip along a small section of the balsa carving. Do this several times, and then use a new Q-tip. Do you see the dirt coming off onto the cotton?

### You Need:

- piece of balsa wood
- pencil
- X-Acto knife
- Q-tips
- water
- small cup

**NOTE:**  
Have an adult help you carve the balsa wood.

