

Hints and Tips



Getting the best from your carving

The texture of relief carving creates a feature of highlight and shadow, breathing the very life of its natural grain into your furniture and interior design projects.

Decorative solid wood onlays are best fixed into position with a spot of adhesive – it's as easy as that; no bother no fuss.

Taking care of your carving

Your carving is a work of art which has been hand carved by our master craftsmen. We trust that you will receive it in as good a condition as when we dispatch it to you. Our packaging department ensures maximum safety of goods in transit, using recycled materials wherever possible.

Please inspect your carvings as soon as practically possible, keeping them in dry and stable conditions until needed. Should any shortage, defect or damage be apparent, please notify us within 72 hours.

Once unpacked and mounted in situ, the carvings should be sealed within two days and not exposed to direct sunlight or extremes of heat or humidity in the meantime. This is advisable in order to protect the natural fibre and grain structure of the wood.

Planning your work; measure twice and choose once

Take time to plan your work in as much detail as possible. In order to assist you with information for your planning needs, we offer you dimensional specifications in inches and metric as well as a colour display picture.

A note on the widths and spans of your timber will help you to choose the right dimension of carving for your job and a diagram, to scale, in plan and section will ensure that you have considered details of depth and overhang or width and edge where two surfaces meet.

For example, here's how to choose a correctly sized corbel.

Step One: Measure the dimensions of your woodwork.

Step Two: Consider the optimum size of the decorative carved corbel which your design requires.

Step Three: Remember to consider the scale of your work and match to it the available size of our hand carved components. Likewise consider the end effect that you wish to recreate.

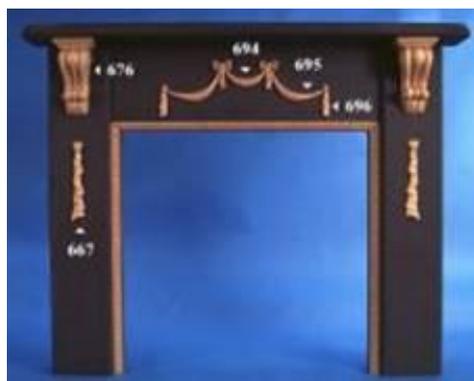
Step Four: You can check that it will fit correctly by cutting a piece of cardboard or paper to model the size of the corbel you have chosen.

Scroll through the Wild Goose Carvings list of 'corbels' and choose the right one for your job. You will find we stock a comprehensive range of style groupings and sizes. Please note that larger sized decorative corbel brackets are displayed under the 'Architectural and Bar' section of the online catalogue.

Design Balance

Ornamental carvings create a feature of elegance and beauty as well as providing a practical means of assembling a decorative fixture. They can be used to emphasize or delineate variations in the depths of your joinery, such as shelving or mantels. We provide a wide range of ornamentals to decorate flat surfaces in a choice of different styles and sizes.

Our decorative wood appliques are easily attached with a spot of wood glue – it's as simple as that! Larger items may require fixing with wood pins or small nails. Our onlays and appliques can be easily applied to wood, MDF or wood composite, plaster, plastic and other building materials. Use the carvings to highlight an area such as the centre of a cabinet or a bed headboard or on either side of a fireplace or doorway. Your imagination is the limit.....



This example shows how carvings can be effectively mounted onto medium density fibreboard (MDF)

The display of some of our flowers and motifs can be enhanced by setting them into the wood. To achieve this, first rout out a shaped recess, of the correct size, for them to lie in. This recess can be oval or circular depending upon the nature of the carving you choose.



Craftsman's tip - Route out a rebate to approximately the same depth as the carving to be highlighted, plus a couple of centimetres wider in diameter. Fix the carving to lie flat inside the rebate, gluing it in place. It will appear to have been carved directly into the surrounding wood.

Choosing the Right Carving

Corbels or brackets are designed to lend support, highlight the relief construction of the woodwork and provide decoration.

Corbels are ideally suited for: -

- Fire surround decoration and mantel shelf support
- Cupboards, shelving and cabinetry
- Bar front decoration, hotel and shop fitting.
- Architectural facades and doorways

All items are supplied in solid natural pinewood. A selected range is also available in a choice of sustainable hardwoods: ash, oak, maple and red cedar. Red cedar has the colour and texture of mahogany but the advantage of being sustainably cultivated.