

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**SPOKE SHAVE** 

Your small curved spoke shave is designed to plane any tight inside curve found in furniture making and lutherie. It has a 3/8" (9.5mm) radius sole allowing it to get into curves as tight as ½" radius. Also by reversing the blade to bevel up you can use this shave as a scraper on cranky woods.

# **SETUP**

# Setup is simple, follow these basis steps:

- Loosen the 2 lever cap bolts.
- Slide the sharp blade into position being careful not to bump the sharp edge on the brass surfaces.
- Sit the spoke shave body on a flat piece of wood, allowing the blade to rest on the flat surface.



- Screw the two lever cap bolts down equally so the lever cap sits flat on the blade. *Don't* fully tighten at this point.
- Sight down the sole and move the blade (if required) into position using your thumb and index finger.



• When in position, tighten the lever cap bolts so the blade is secure.

## **USING YOUR SPOKE SHAVE**



- You can push or pull your spoke shave. However, you will likely find pushing with your thumbs directly behind the blade on the vertical flat surface will give you the best result.
  - (A) pushing the Spoke Shave
  - **(B)** pulling the Spoke Shave.



 Role your wrists until you feel the blade engage the wood, now take a shaving. For tight curves, you will have to role your wrists at a certain rate to keep the blade cutting. The tighter the curve the quicker you must role your wrist. A relaxed grip will provide the best result.

## **SHARPENING**

Your blade has been sharpened with a 30° bevel. The blade is small, so if you have trouble holding it, just do a pull stroke on your stone instead of a pushpull stroke. For best results, do the final hone on a 6000 grit or finer stone.



## **CARE AND MAINTAINENCE**

- Keep a smear of oil on your blade when not in use to prevent rust.
- Apply a tung oil base product on the wooden handles to keep them looking good.

## More information at:

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