

Noodle Day Chopsticks

Name: _____ Block: _____ Date: _____

Chopsticks are shaped pairs of equal-length sticks that have been used as kitchen and eating utensils in most of East Asia for over three millennia. They are held in the dominant hand, secured by fingers, and wielded as extensions of the hand, to pick up small pieces of food.

Goal: Design your own custom chopsticks made from short end “scraps” in the shop. You may use “almost any wood” you find but please check with the teacher first

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| Materials: ¼" x 10 – 2 Pieces | Tools: Hand tools Only |
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The shaping of your chopstick will be done with hand tools only with the exception of ripping wood to smaller sizes if needed. We will prep some material as a class as needed.

On the back of this sheet make some quick sketches of your design. Will you make it look like a spindle with rounded parts? Will you keep some parts square? Will you engrave or try to carve a design into it? Will you make ergonomic finger grooves? Will the tips be smooth or have bumpy grippers? What matters is the length and final “finishing touches you add” as you create them. This project should take no more than 3 classes. If you finish one pair consider making a second or third set to take home and enjoy with your family or keep as display pieces. We can make a stand for them (similar to a pencil holder) if you like.



Draw the side profile of your chopsticks on this page.

Length should be 10 inches/25.5 cm with a width of $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6-7mm round or square

You can make sketches but should have at least one FULL SIZE DRAWING HERE

Chopstick Etiquette



1. Don't leave your chopsticks stuck vertically in your food. That's associated with death



6. Don't use your chopsticks to push around dishes on the table.



2. Don't eat directly from serving dishes. Place food first on your plate and eat from there.



7. Don't sort through food in the serving dish.



3. Don't stick food with your chopsticks. Accept the challenge and grab food instead.



8. Don't place your chopsticks directly on the table. Put them across your dish or on a rest.



4. Don't play with your chopsticks, rap them on your plate like drumsticks, make noise or wave them in the air.



9. Don't hold your chopsticks in your mouth with no hands, such as when passing a dish.



5. Don't use your personal chopsticks to get food from the serving dish. Use serving chopsticks instead.



10. Don't point your chopsticks at other people around the table.

