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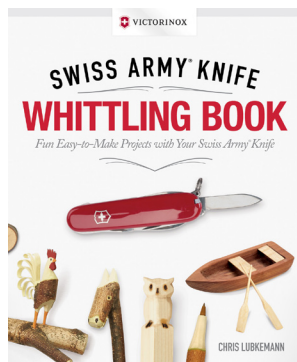
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Learn to Whittle with One of the World's Most Popular Pocketknives

Victorinox Swiss Army® Knife Whittling Book: Fun Easy-to-Make Projects with Your Swiss Army® Knife

By Chris Lubkemann [August 2017]



The Swiss Army Knife was made out of necessity (the first models included just a blade, can opener and reamer, and screw driver for assembling the Swiss Army's rifles), but its lasting power proves its unwavering utility.

When master woodcarver Chris Lubkemann received a Swiss Army Knife as a gift he quickly discovered the many objects he could whittle using only this hand-held tool. From that point on he was smitten and never looked back. "I thought,

this thing really works!" says Lubkemann. "For the last 25 years I've only used a Swiss Army Knife in my whittling. In fact, I made a book on Swiss Army Knife whittling and sent it to Swiss Army Knife's president Carl Elsener. He said it was the best whittling book he ever read."

So began the start of *Victorinox Swiss Army® Knife Whittling Book: Fun Easy-to-Make Projects with Your Swiss Army® Knife*, published in collaboration with Victorinox® AG (makers of the Original Swiss Army Knife). In this easy-to-follow and colorful new book, Lubkemann shows how to carve 43 useful and whimsical objects using nothing more than a stick and a Swiss Army Knife. Chris offers step-by-step instructions for all the traditional whittling favorites like spoons, forks, and flowers, plus some decidedly funny animals and the classic curly tail rooster. He also provides advice on how to choose wood, sharpen a blade, and safely control your knife.

Besides being a Swiss Army Knife whittler extraordinaire, the good-humored Lubkemann has also been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for the world's smallest branch carving—a 1/8-inch tall rooster. He enjoys collecting wood of all sizes for his carvings. He also appreciates resources that are meaningful; from wood from the jungles of South America where he used to live to salvaged wood from Hurricane Sandy, he is never at a loss of resources and enjoys being creative with his material. In fact, if he's at a restaurant he will ask the server for toothpicks and start whittling a flower until his food arrives.

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Great book! Very well written and easy-to-follow demonstrations. Chris makes it very easy to get into this hobby using the high quality Victorinox Swiss Army knife. He shows how to sharpen, which does not take expensive equipment or mysterious methods. I have grown in my appreciation of the Victorinox knife and how great it is.”

Dave Robbie,
Woodcarving Blogger
www.dsrnotes.blogspot.com



Lubkemann's carvings—roosters of all sizes, pheasants, herons, knives, letter openers, a monster checker board, and even a four-foot sling shot—are on display at the Amish Farm and House on Route 30 East in Lancaster where he operates a shop. Visitors are invited to view and purchase his work, and he also provides demonstrations and lessons. "From children to people over 80, I've taught people of all ages how to whittle. It's inspiring to see children and teenagers excel," Lubkemann says.

Lubkemann always starts his students out on a Swiss Army Knife. When asked why he enjoys this knife so much, he says he's made over \$136,000 worth of products from a \$20 knife. "Plus," he adds, "it's fun!"

In *Victorinox Swiss Army® Knife Whittling Book: Fun Easy-to-Make Projects with Your Swiss Army® Knife* readers will find:

- Simple to more complex projects using a Swiss Army Knife; carvers can start out with an easy project like a letter opener and advance to projects like a rooster or squirrel.
- Sage whittling advice from a world-famous woodcaver.
- How to select and sharpen your knife.
- How to create beautiful and profitable woodcarvings using basic and affordable tools.

About Chris Lubkemann

Chris Lubkemann is the author of four other best-selling whittling books from Fox Chapel Publishing: *The Little Book Of Whittling*, *Big Book Of Whittle Fun*, *Whittling Twigs & Branches*, and *Tree Craft*. A child of missionaries, Chris Lubkemann grew up in the forests of Brazil and Peru, where he developed an appreciation for knives and entertained himself—and others—by handcrafting rafts, tree houses, traps, and slingshots from scrap wood. Since that time, he has continued to integrate his woodworking skills with good old-fashioned fun. Chris has carved some of the world's smallest branch carvings, and his smallest branch rooster was given a Guinness World Record Certificate. Chris currently demonstrates whittling as the resident woodcarver at the Amish Farm and House in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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