

# Carve a Philippine eagle head kerchief slide

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The Philippine eagle is among the tallest, largest, most powerful birds in the world. The national bird of the Philippine Islands, with an estimated population of about 500 pairs, is also on the critically endangered list. The Philippine Eagle Foundation is establishing protected areas in the four large islands where they are found.

Trace this pattern and cut out from a 1/2" piece of basswood or soft pine. Wood grain is horizontal.

1. Carve beak to a dull point as shown in bottom view.

2. Use knife point to cut back lower beak. Use "V" cuts to separate beak and head, and also the cere line and small notch for the nostril. The cere is the fleshy area between the upper beak and face.

3. Again, use knife point to carve wood away from under eyebrow and eye so they stand out.

4. Carefully round off the head and neck.

5. Sand smooth and paint. Head is white with thin long reddish-brown feathers. Beak is black washing to gray. Cere, neck, and face are black. Eye is blue-gray with a black pupil and white highlight.

Note, this eagle head can also be painted as a bald or golden eagle.

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