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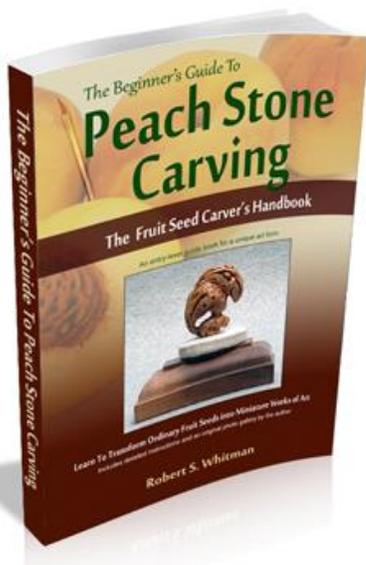
## **Discover the Fun, Relaxing & Rewarding Hobby of Carving Miniature Works of Art ...from Ordinary Peach Stones!**

**All you need is a carving knife... some peach pits...  
and this easy-to-follow new book**

### **The Beginner's Guide to Peach Stone Carving**

**The Fruit Seed Carver's Handbook**

**By Robert S. Whitman**



**This entry level guide**—entirely dedicated to carving discarded peach pits, or “stones” as some call them—teaches you how to turn “lowly” fruit pits into miniature works of art.

**Unlike some other books** that provide only a few pictures of the carving process, Master Peach Stone Carver Robert Whitman takes you step-by-step from your first cut all the way to your beautiful, mounted, finished sculpture.

**You'll impress friends** and family with your new-found skill, creating a remarkable variety of miniature masterpieces.

**You'll be amazed** at what you can carve with your own two hands when you follow the easy steps in this informative new book.

**Learn To Transform Ordinary Fruit Seeds  
into Miniature Works Of Art You'll Be Proud to Display**

**The Beginner's Guide to Peach Stone Carving** includes making a carving "anvil", and describes how to carve various projects... finishing techniques... cautions to be observed... and a gallery of eighteen photos of completed peach stone carvings, including Elephant and Bison, for further inspiration

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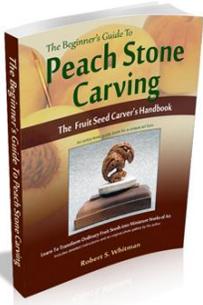
- **Tools for Fruit Pit Carving:** Tells you everything you need to get started fast
- **Making a Carving Anvil:** Makes stone carving safer, easier and more enjoyable
- **Carving Methods:** How to hold it... how to cut it... how to protect your hands... and how to apply a beautiful finish
- **Let's Carve a Peach Pit Basket:** A popular and fun carving that's a great starter project with a charming end result.
- **How to Carve a Fish:** The smooth lines are great practice and help you hone your knife skills with a simple shape that's really fun to carve.
- **How to Carve a Turtle:** You'll be amazed how adding details really makes your carvings "pop" with realism. This little turtle is designed to give you the practice you need for quick improvement.
- **How to Carve a Squirrel:** You'll enjoy carving these furry, acorn-munching friends. Learn to add intricate textures and watch your abilities take a giant leap.
- **How to Carve a Monkey:** A big favorite of most fruit seed carvers... and it'll probably be yours too! Great gifts for kids... and lots of fun to create.
- **Power Carving Fruit Seeds:** Learn to take your carving to the next level by using power tools such as the popular Foredom<sup>®</sup> and Dremel<sup>®</sup>. You won't believe how quickly you'll turn out great-looking, finished pieces!
- **Tips to Make Peach Stone Carving Enjoyable:** These expert tricks make carving easier and more fun—no matter what kind of sculptures you like best.

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**About the Author**



A multi-wood whittling and wood carving show winner, author Robert S. Whitman began carving as a young boy, attempting to create a finger ring from a peach seed or “stone” as hard seeds are sometimes referred to. Many years later, he invented the first positive method of exhausting fine wood dust created by the use of portable power carving tools.

Mr. Whitman is listed in **Who’s Who of American Inventors** and **Who’s Who of Famous Americans**. He has received the National Mail Order Association’s Top 500 award and has also won the AT&T Capital’s Partners For Progress award.

He has applied his skills to create effective methods for the stylistic shaping of canine fur in his do-it-yourself book, **How To Make Big Money Grooming Small Dogs**.

This book has been highly recommended for its educational excellence by the Executive Directors of the National Dog Groomers Association of America and the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Whitman's invention of the Vac-U-Shield<sup>®</sup>, which attaches directly to a Foredom or Dremel power carving instrument, has sold internationally and saved thousands of power carvers from possible chronic illness and lung cancer resulting from inhaling dust from toxic wood, fiberglass, and plastic. This was such an important invention that it was granted exclusive rights and protection by the U.S. Office of Patents and Trademarks. A color brochure of this unique and versatile tool and a folio of user test reports are available by writing to the publisher of this book, below. Mr. Whitman is an avid inventor, with four patents and five trademarks to his credit, with others now in progress.

#### **Testimonial**

*“Regarding “The Beginner’s Guide to Peach Stone Carving”, by Robert S. Whitman. It’s a fascinating insight into the creative use of materials that nature provides. The quote on the back cover says it all “fruit stone carving is anything but the pits”. An impressive level of artistry from something as simple as a pit.”*

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