Carving a mouse

Fig 1&2 • Mark out the side and plan views of the mouse on suitable block of wood. Cut excess wood away with a chisel or saw, leaving the outline of the mouse intact. Fig 3 [No 4!] • Start to round off the sharp edges. Leave the area around the ears for the moment. Add and lost detailing marks back onto the block. Fig 5 & 6 Now refine the detail. Remove spare wood between the ears. Curve the ears outward and hollow the ears with a small gouge. Cut into flanks to leave the shape of the hind legs protruding. Round over the nose and thin down the snout in front of the ears. Fig 7 & 8 • Cut into hind quarters to leave outline of curly tail. Tailor lower area of neck to make shape of Add gouge marks for toe spacing. Add eyes and refine nose. Fig 9 & 10 Sand the carving to a fine finish, remove all unnecessary gouge marks Seal or oil carving to give a final finish.