

Using the Three-Point Tool to Make Beads

Place the tool rest close to the wood at a level so the point of the tool will be at the center axis of the wood.

Make a pencil mark on either side of where you want to place the bead.

Position the tool so one of the triangular surfaces is facing up (parallel to the ground).

Touch the tool to the tool rest and gently push it into the wood to create a small, initial v-cut on each of the pencil lines.

Push the tool gently into one of the v-cuts. **AT THE SAME TIME**, roll the tool toward the center of the bead while **LOWERING THE TOOL HANDLE**.

Stop when you reach the center or top of the bead.

Repeat the process on the other side of the bead.

Lowering the handle while cutting the bead brings the cutting edge into contact with the wood at an angle and moves the tool tip away from the the wood and lessens to chances of catching the wood.

If desired, use a skew chisel to deepen the cuts on either side to highlight the bead.

NOTE: Moving the tool horizontally without dropping the handle will scrape rather than slice the wood.