

Comedy Duo



Carvings pay homage to two real-life caricatures

By Floyd Rhadigan

Even as carvings, funny men Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are inseparable. You can't have one without the other! And I hear their signature tune, "The Dance of the Cuckoos," in my head every time I carve them.

These carving are my homage to the slapstick duo who took the film industry by storm from the 1920s through the 1940s. The pair appeared in 107 films. Stan Laurel, the tall, thin, clumsy Englishman, played the perfect foil to the heavysset American, Oliver Hardy.

Paint guide



materials & tools

MATERIALS:

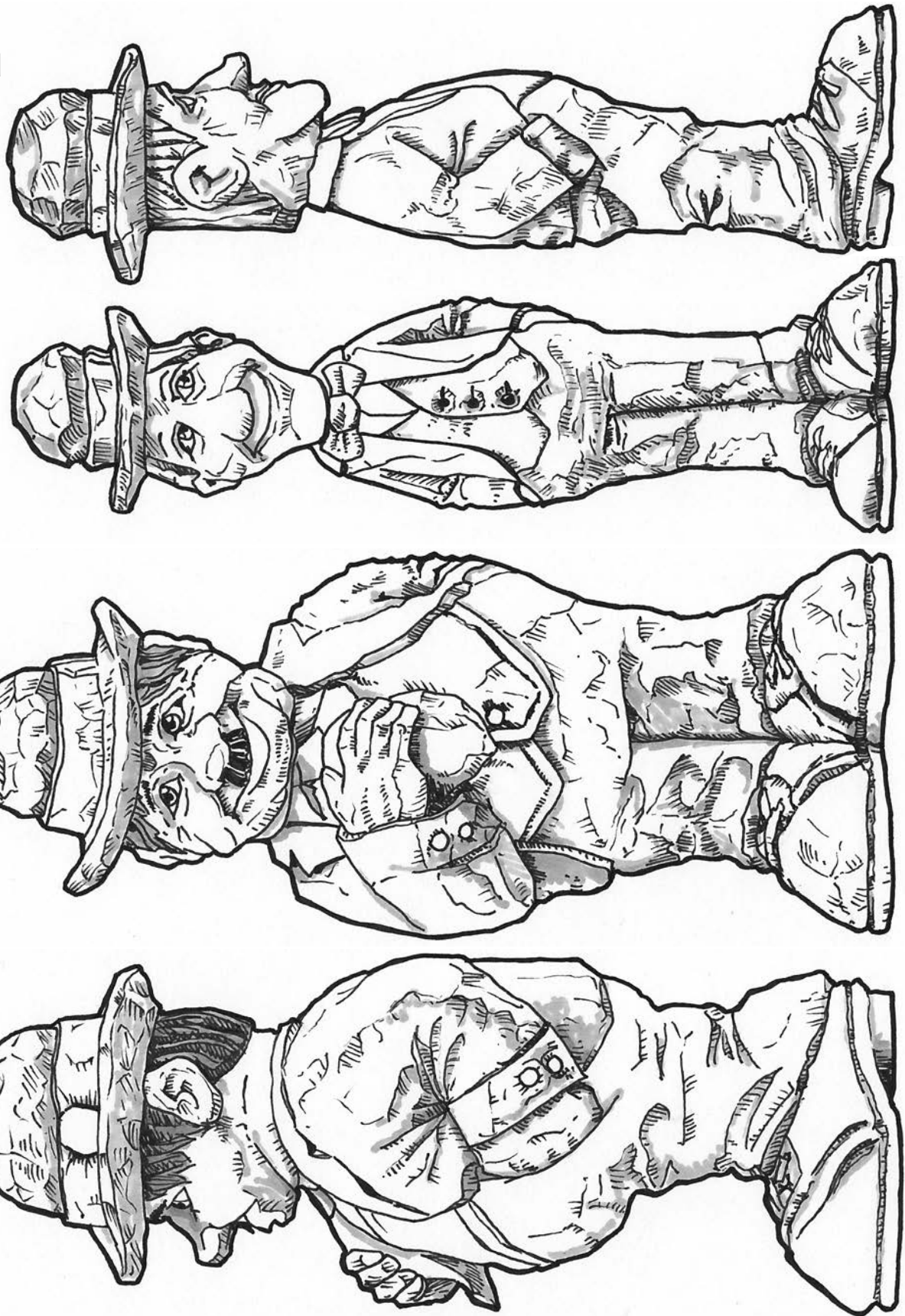
- Basswood, 3" (76mm) thick: Hardy, 3 1/4" x 6 1/2" (83mm x 165mm)
- Basswood, 2" (51mm) thick: Laurel, 2 3/4" x 6" (70mm x 152mm)
- Acrylic paint: black, grey, red, blue, yellow ochre, tan, burnt sienna, burgundy, raw sienna, green, white; DecoArt Americana: uniform blue

The author used these products for the project. Substitute your choice of brands, tools, and materials as desired.

TOOLS:

- Bench knife
- Detail knife
- Micro gouge: 5mm
- #3 gouge: 1/2" (13mm)
- #7 gouge: 3/8" (10mm)
- #9 gouge: 3/16" (5mm), 1/4" (6mm)
- V-tools: 1/8" (3mm), 3/16" (5mm), 1/4" (6mm), 1/2" (13mm)
- Paintbrushes

Laurel and Hardy patterns



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SPECIAL SOURCES:

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