

Obtaining Elk Antler

Jackson Hole Boy Scout Elk Antler Auction

Held every year in Jackson Hole, WY on the weekend before Memorial Day. Auction is Saturday.
This year's auction is May 21, 2016.

Web site: www.elkfest.org

Recent Elk Antler Prices: (from Boy Scout Auction)

Year	Average	Total
	\$ / #	Pounds
2015	\$16.81	10,609
2014	\$16.65	13,698
2013	\$15.43	8,507
2012	\$12.15	7,398
2011	\$8.29	13,213

Other Information:

Besides the formal Boy Scout Antler Auction, the square has one street cordoned off for private antler sales.

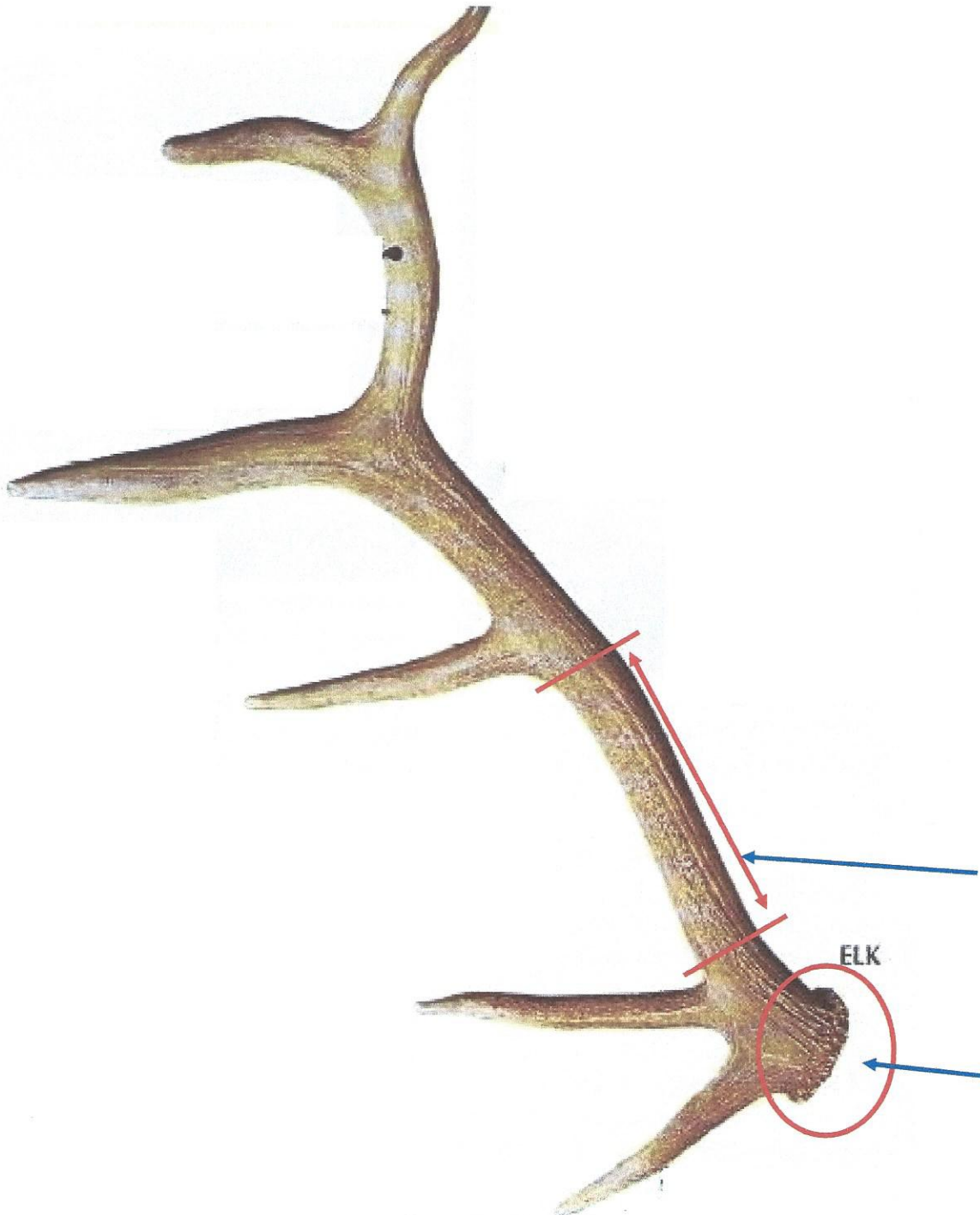
Elk Antler Projects:

Boxes from main beam of antler
Boxes from button
Napkin Rings
Finger Rings
Natural Edge Bowl / Cup
Pens

Other Reference Material:

"Turning Antler", Magazine Article by
Kip Christensen
American Woodworker, April 1998, Pages 52 - 53

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Desired Pieces of an elk antler for turning into boxes.

Shed Elk Antlers - Elk lives on to grow another pair



Antlers with skull attached - elk died with antlers attached



Elk Antler Boxes - Finishing Comments

Elk Antler Cylinders: Sand with micro mesh to approximately 12,000. No other finished needed.

Contrasting Wood Bottom and Top: Use compounds shown below. All of these should be available through Woodcraft, Rockler and/or Craft Supply.



Finishing technique obtained from Guilio Marcolongo on his visits to FRW on 5/5/15 and RMWT on 5/7/15. Video is available in the FRW library of that technique.

1. Coat of thin CA on paper towel applied to spinning wood after sanding to approximately 600 to 800 grit. Dries quickly
2. Apply EEE with paper towel or on a finger. Use some pressure and spinning wood to polish and remove excess.
3. Use either Shellawax cream or liquid, apply with paper towel to spinning wood. Polish to shine and remove excess. Be careful here to not over - apply. Use sparringly.

For the contrasting bottom and top woods, I typically use blood wood. But almost any contrasting dark wood will be just fine such as african black wood, ebony, walnut, etc.

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Available from either Craft Supply or BullDog Chucks (Chucksplus.com).

I am not aware of either Woodcraft or Rockler handing this product. It is great for small projects, comes with all of the various jaws shown above, and will need an adapter for use on 1 1/4" - 8 tpi spindles.

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