Scraps of wood seem to multiply in my shop. The size and shape of this simple project allows you to use up all sorts of scraps. I've made this one out of 1/4" (6mm)-thick wood, but you can increase the size of the pattern and use thicker wood.

You'll enjoy carving these quick faces so much that you're sure to have fewer scraps in your shop. Since they are so easy to carve, I hand them out to people I think need a smile.
**MOON: ROUGHING OUT THE CARVING**

1. **Cut the outline of the moon.** Transfer the pattern to the blank. Cut around the outline of the moon with a band saw, coping saw, scroll saw, or by carving to the lines with a knife.

2. **Draw the first cuts.** Draw the top of the eyebrow, the eye socket, the area between the nose and the lip, and the chin.

3. **Make the first cuts.** Use a knife to make angled cuts along the lines drawn in Step 2.

**MOON: REFINING THE CARVING**

4. **Refine the nose, brow, and lips.** Remove the sharp points from the positive triangles representing the nose, eyebrow, and lips.

5. **Draw the facial features.** Use the pattern and the photo above as guides to draw the eyes, nose, and mouth.

6. **Make stop cuts along the feature lines.** Use the tip of the knife to make stop cuts along the eye, nose, and mouth lines.
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