

optional Hammer Heads



The custom brass hammers featured in *Woodsmith* No. 230 show one design for the brass head. Below are a couple of other design options. These heads are made in much the same way as the original hammer heads, using files, punches, and cold chisels to create the distinguishing design features.

ALTERNATE DESIGNS. Like the brass hammer head from the original article, the left option shown below requires a trip to the band saw for the initial shaping.

Here you'll cut the concave curves on all four sides. The rest of the design elements are created using punches and cold chisels. The edges are rounded with a file, along with the ends of the head.

For the hammer head shown on the right, all of the shaping is done with hand tools. A combination of a triangular and flat

file creates the four openings around the center of the head. A round file (rat tail) is used for the design element along the edges of the head. The rest of the work is completed using a couple different sizes of cold chisels. The handles are inserted as shown in the original article and I used the same brass aging solution, as well. **W**

NOTE: Cut heads to length before shaping

