



This page, clockwise from left: Andrew Groves conducts a Woodland Woodcarving Workshop; Miscellaneous Adventures Whisky Cup; Secret Stash Pouch; workshop woodcarving kit consisting of an axe, carving knife, crook knife, folding saw, and woodworking apron.

# Miscellaneous Adventures

There is nothing like being one with nature through honest, manual labor to counter our fast-paced world inundated with digital images and information overload. Parallel to a successful career as an illustrator working primarily on the computer, Andrew Groves found a way to unite his passion for the outdoors and his creativity more directly with his handicraft project, Miscellaneous Adventures. Inspired by a hiking trip to northern Sweden, where he discovered the traditional handicrafts of the Sami people, Groves now crafts and sells wooden utensils for use on outdoor adventures. Groves' illustrations are full of natural motifs and the English native has always tried to live an active outdoor life to fuel his creativity. Working out of his barn in West Sussex, Groves sources wood from the surrounding woodlands and handicrafts each unique piece using traditional techniques and a few essential tools: an axe for felling, a hatchet for hewing, a carving knife, and a gouging knife. He also shares his handicraft in woodland woodcarving workshops, empowering urbanites to return to nature.

