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Photo Album: Vincent Lavarenne's Self-Made Shave

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Vincent Lavarenne is a teaching member of Les Passionés du Bois, a very active woodworking club based just south of Paris. He'd been a student of Mike Dunbar's at The Windsor Institute and brought all sorts of chair building techniques back with him to France.

When Vincent began teaching the basics of chair making to fellow members of Les Passionés du Bois, he realized he needed more spokeshaves than he had, so he used wood on hand at the club's woodshop. This particu-

Backwards engineered from shaves purchased from fellow graduates of Mike Dunbar's The Windsor Institute

— Dave Wachnicki and James Mursell —

Vincent Lavarenne made several spokeshaves like these when he realized he would need more for a class he taught in chairmaking to his fellow club members of Les Passionés du Bois in Paris. France.

lar spoke-shave is one of several made for Vincent's workshop. It's made of European ash, which is actually similar to American ash. And, although a bit porous – not hard like birch or maple – Vincent and his group

Using a clamp, Vincent sets the brass sole plate.



decided the spokeshave's wear plate would provide necessary protection to the sole.



Vincent Lavarenne gets sweet, curly shavings as he shaves a spindle with his new spokeshave set with a [Hock Tools spokeshave blade](#).

Vincent based his design on spoke shaves he'd already purchased from Dave Wachnicki of [Dave's Shaves](#) in North Conway, New Hampshire and James Mursell from [The Windsor Workshop](#) in Sussex, England and fitted them with Hock blades. He is also familiar with making blades from the [Hock Tools spokeshave kits](#).

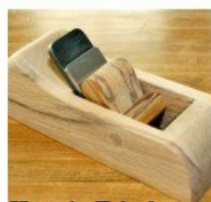
When asked what advice he'd give to other woodworkers making the [Hock Tools spokeshave kit](#), Vincent recommends you, "...the blade is machined to very close tolerances and the stock deserves to be drilled accordingly, especially for an easy to set, top performing shave."

Thank you, Vincent Lavarenne!

## Be part of the Hock Tools Photo Album!



Richard Wile



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We love it when you send photos of your completed Hock Tools kits and the tools you make with Hock blades and such. Your photos inspire other woodworkers, as well as each of us at Hock Tools.

Linda has a "hand-out" to help her turn your pictures into a Photo Album article. All you have to do is fill in the [contact form](#) and we'll e-mail you the hand-out.

We're looking forward to seeing *your* photos of your hand-made tools soon!

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