

## Basic list for wax carving beginners

Block of wax (I use Ferris)

Carving tools and spatulas (dental picks to scrap, scratch and draw onto your wax.) You can get these from E bay, DIY shops and jewellery making suppliers

Large wax file

Scribe

Good lighting

Frame saw

Selection of files (see my tools under files)

Spirit burner

White spirit

Fibreglass pen

China marker, tempera, washing up liquid

Pencil and greaseproof paper

Kitchen roll

## My own tools list

Waxes (ferris blue, ferris green, sticky wax, sheet wax, wax spools etc)

Bench with pin

Tub of 18 Wolf wax carving tools (I don't think I could live without these now!)

Micro motor

Burrs (round single cut, cylinder square single cut and crosscut, cylinder high-speed, cone squares, inverted cone single cut, cone square single cut and cross cut) in all different sizes

Files (barette, half-round, knife, round, tri-corner, ruffle; all cut 2 and 3)

Wax file

Fibreglass pen

File brush

Spirit burner

Turpentine and white sprit

White china marker, pencil, greaseproof paper masking tape

Florescent lamp

Scribe

Opti-visor (I look soooo attractive in them!!)

Small cross cut saw with 13 teeth to the inch

Hand saw with different teeth

Wax ring mandrel

Bracelet mandrel

Weight scales

Paint brushes

Arkansas stone

Hot wax pen worker and tips

Very fine sand paper

Scalpels

Mitre gauges

Callipers

Rulers

Dividers

Further reading (these two books are brilliant!)

- . Modelling in wax for jewellery and sculpture 2<sup>nd</sup> edition by Lawrence Kallenberg
- . Creative wax carving (For the hobbyist, sculptor & serious jewelry designer) by Ruth Pierce

Useful websites

<http://www.ganoksin.com/>

<http://www.bellchamber.net/Publication/Tips%20for%20Carving%20wax.htm>

<http://www.artmetal.com/>

<http://www.metalcastingzone.com/>