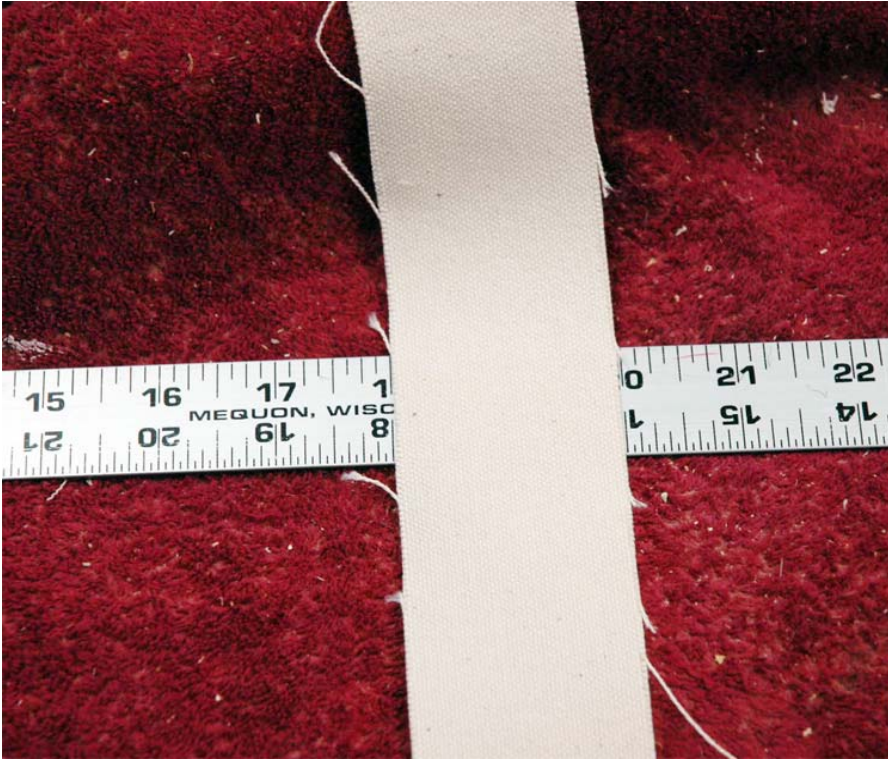
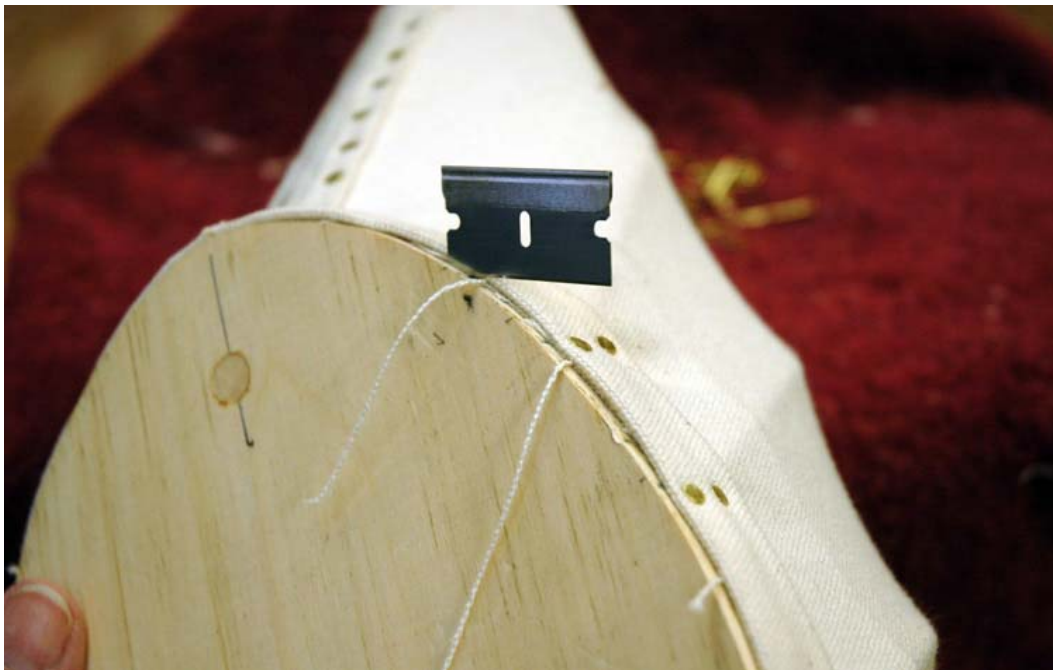


A Chuck May Canvas Decoy – Part 3

























Dr. Charles R. May, or Chuck, as he was known to many of us, passed away on October 18th of this year, following surgery to remove a cancerous mass from his right lung. He was 72.

Chuck was a staunch advocate of perpetuating our decoy carving tradition. His talents in decoy carving were considerable, bringing him many awards over the years. While Chuck's skill in making stretched canvas decoys made him a formidable competitor, his production wasn't limited to the mantle or the tank... many a Carolina waterfowler sought his carefully made working birds for their rigs.

Beyond his decoy carving, he will be remembered for his willingness to help any and all... particularly those just starting out. Many a young carver will recall Chuck just happening to have an "extra" piece of carving wood, a book, a pattern, some "old" paints, or a "spare" knife that was just what was needed to move things along.

Our decoy carving community has been diminished by Chuck May's passing; yet each of us who knew him will always remember him fondly.

Jim Daniel



Notes:

Supplies:

Brass Tacks

¾" Flat Head Canoe Tacks

1 pound, #9172601

Lee Valley

Staples

5/16"

1000 #JT21

Arrow

Wire

12 GA Hang Wire

#HW1212PC

CK Cupplies

Canvas

#10, Extra Heavy, 100% Cotton

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