

Wood Craft Skills Training Resource: The Splitting Continuum

TOP DOWN SPLIT as in
mallet making

Child holds bill hook,
adult uses the mallet

Independent use
when competent

Adult holds the bill
hook / axe, child
uses the mallet



Adult knocks in bill hook
to 'bite', child takes over
bill hook and mallet



Adult holds froe, child uses mallet to
create split. Adult and child split with
froe together. Child knocks in
wedges if needed

FULL LENGTH SPLIT using
froe and wedges

Child holds froe. Adult uses mallet. Child
(with adult help if needed) splits with froe.
Child knocks in wedges.