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WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

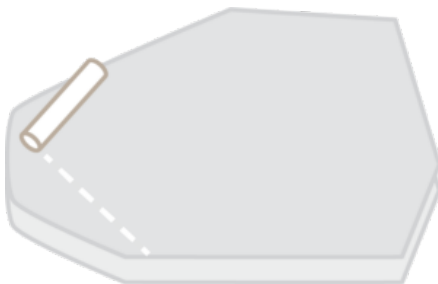
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- Chalk
- Hammer Set chisel (blunt end)

1. Mark the slab

Mark the desired shape with chalk, as close to the edge as possible to make the best use of the slate slab and minimize waste.



2. Rough shaping with a hammer

Ensure the slab is well-supported and stable.

Use a ball-peen hammer and strike diagonally along the breaking edge towards the underside of the slab. The thicker the slate, the more force it can withstand.



Work gradually toward the chalk line for a rough, inward-sloping edge.

3. Fine-tune with a set chisel

For precise curves, arcs, or a smoother edge, fine-tune the shape using a set chisel (or slate knife). Run the chisel along the chalk line while tapping the chisels end with a hammer.

