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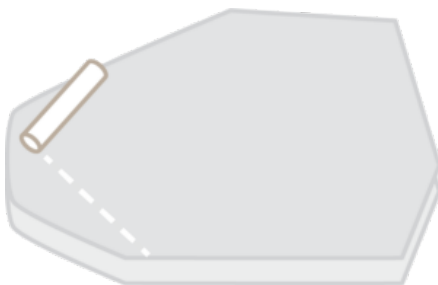
WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

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- Chalk
- Hammer
- Slate knife

1. Mark the Slate

Draw the desired shape with chalk — preferably as close to the edge as possible to make the most of the slate slab and minimize waste.



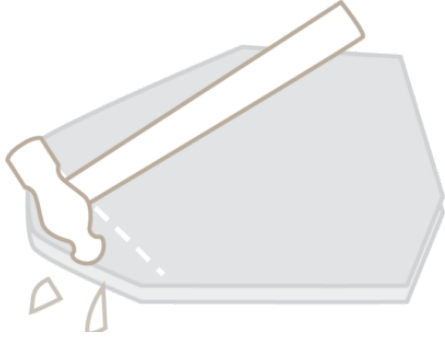
2. Rough Shaping with a Hammer

Make sure the slate is lying stable and secure.

Use a ball-peen hammer to strike the edge at an angle toward the underside of the slab. The thicker the slate, the more force it can handle.

Don't take off too much at once — gradually move inward until you're close to the chalk line.

You will now have a rough edge that tapers inward.



3. Refine the edges with a slate knife

For precise curves, bends, or smoother edges, use a slate knife or a chisel to fine-tune.

Guide the slate knife or chisel along the chalk line while tapping the blade with a hammer.

