

## Potato-knapping



1. It's best to cut the potatoes in half so you have a thinner piece to start with. It's impossible to take off flakes from a right-angled edge.

2. Aim your stone or stick close to the edge of the potato where there is an acute angle (an angle less than a right angle). Keep your fingers out of the way.



3. If you hit it just right, you should take a flake off the other side (the side with the peel still on!)

4. Do the flakes look like flint flakes? Are the ripples the same? Does the potato flake have a bulb or percussion?



5. There are scars left on the core (the main bit of potato). Do they have ripples? Where you have hit the potato gets a bit squashed, but otherwise is it similar to knapping flint?