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# Characterize Your Work

## *Reed Making*

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**1. How physical is it?**

Requires a lot of work with my hands. I can only do it for about an hour.

**2. How mentally challenging is it?**

There is little that is mentally challenging with it.

**3. Does it require creativity?**

There is little that requires creativity because the process is mostly the same.

**4. Does it require attention to detail?**

Making reeds requires extreme attention to detail. No two pieces of cane are the same and there is great precision required by the hands.

**5. Where does it belong in your day?**

I like to make reeds whenever I can. I have a set-up at home that allows me to make a reed from start to finish in about 15-20 minutes so I can do it whenever I have that time available. I make a yearly goal and try to accomplish it as soon as I can in the year.