

## Chapter 4—Anatomy of an Ax

The first lesson in developing axmanship skills is becoming familiar with the parts of the tool. Knowing the various parts of an ax helps you to understand the purpose and functionality of the tool and enables you to properly fit an ax to your own individual needs. The ax is not a one-size-fits-all piece of equipment.

The ax consists of two primary parts: the head and the handle. The head and handle themselves have many parts. Figure 4-1 shows the various parts of single- and double-bit axes.

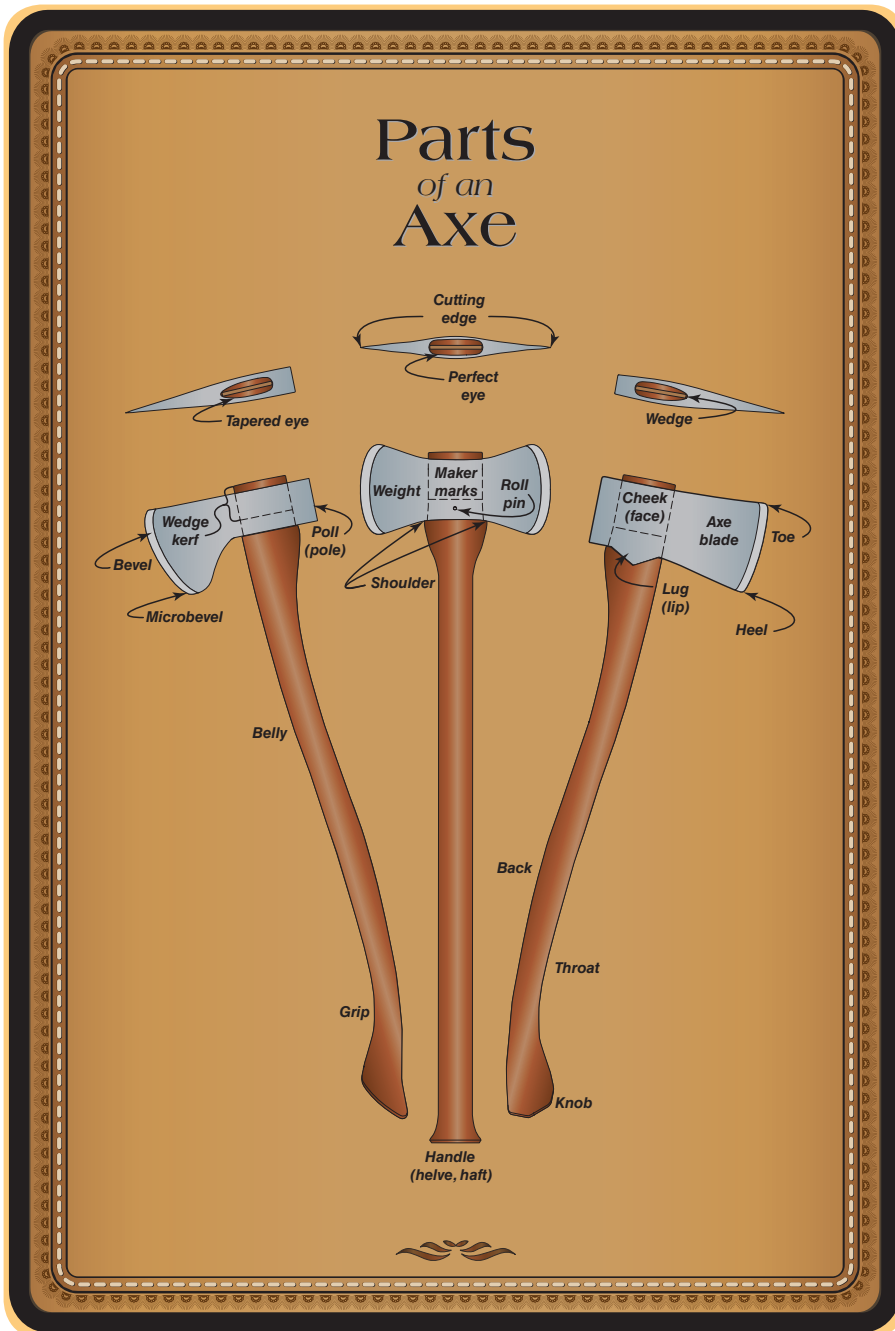


Figure 4-1 —Parts of single- and double-bit axes. Refer to “Appendix A—Full-Page Ax Illustrations” for a larger version of this illustration.

