Simple Oars - by Spark Geissler

Use a light, dry and straight 2 x 4 with very small or no knots (You might have to do some digging throught the pile.) Rip two lengths that are 1 1/2" square. Trim the four sides of the lengths at 45 degrees to make them octagons (see Fig 1). Trim each one to 7 feet long.

Cut four 2" by 28" by 3/4" pieces of spruce or similar strong light wood. Cut angle on each one as shown below to the 6" mark. Notch the shafts about a saw-blades width (or a sixteenth inch) on 2 opposing sides of the octagonal shafts for 28" as shown. Position blades onto notches and epoxy and clamp.

- Round the handles if desired. Varnish or epoxy and varnish to finish.
- Cover blade tips with 5" length of fiberglass tape before trimming to length.