

Project Notes – Xmas tree decoration



Example 2 ½" high, 1 ½" max. diameter, made from oak

1. Mount blank between centres, turn to a parallel cylinder using a spindle roughing gouge.
2. Shape the top surface of the tree by forming a taper at the tailstock end. Use the roughing gouge to remove the bulk of the wood, then refine the shape with a spindle gouge. The dimple left by the revolving centre will be used to start the screw eye.
3. Part in to form the underside of the branches.
4. Use several more parting tool cuts to form the tree trunk. Blend the cuts together by using the parting tool at an angle as a skew chisel.
5. Part in at the base of the pot. Use the roughing gouge and/or spindle gouge to shape the pot.
5. Use abrasives to smooth the work, using each grade in turn e.g. 180, 240, 320 grits.
6. Apply spirit based wood dyes, which dry very quickly, if desired.
7. Part nearly through at the headstock end, then complete the cut with a fine saw. Clean up the base if necessary.
8. Make a small hole in the top and insert a small screw eye, with a short length of fine cord as a hanger.