



Wood required – at least 7” long and 1” diameter. Any hardwood would be suitable, not too coarse grained.

1. Mount wood between centres, turn to a parallel cylinder 1” in diameter using a spindle roughing gouge.
2. With the lathe running, place a ruler on the tool rest parallel with the wood and use a pencil to mark the left hand end of the handle, then at $\frac{3}{8}$ ”, $1 \frac{1}{4}$ ”, 3”, $4 \frac{3}{4}$ ”, $5 \frac{5}{8}$ ” and 6”.
3. Use a parting tool to cut into the waste wood at the right hand end, leaving sufficient wood to support the work.
4. Form the narrowest section at the right hand side, $\frac{1}{2}$ ” diameter, using a series of parting tool cuts then blend them together by using the parting tool at a slight angle as a mini skew chisel.
5. Part into the waste wood at the left hand end, leaving sufficient wood to drive and support the work.
6. Form the narrowest section at the left hand side, $\frac{1}{2}$ ” diameter in the same way.
7. Reduce the diameter of both ends to $\frac{3}{4}$ ” diameter, then shape the beads at each end using a spindle gouge.
8. Shape the centre of the handle, working on each side equally in turn with a spindle roughing gouge, finishing with a skew chisel.
9. Use abrasives to smooth the work, say 120 grit, 180 grit, 240 grit, 320 grit.
10. Decorate with small V-cuts, made with a skew chisel or point tool, if desired.
11. Apply a coat of sanding sealer, allow to dry, then rub down with abrasive.
12. Apply a coat of melamine, allow to dry then burnish.
13. Separate the work from the waste wood at either end and finish the ends by hand.