

## Bud Vase Handout

Cumberland Woodturners May 29, 2019 by Jake Niedling

Everyone likes to get a gift. So why not make some Bud Vases and give them to your spouse, mother, grandmother, special friend, neighbor or anyone needing a little joy in their life. Add a test tube, some water and a fresh flower out of your garden when you give it away. It will certainly brighten that persons day.



### Procedure:

1. Wood - just about anything larger than 2" diameter and about 7" long.
2. Mount the wood between centers . Rough the wood into a cylinder and turn a tenon on one end to fit your scroll chuck.



**3. Remove and re-mount the wood into the chuck. Begin shaping the top and make a starter hole for the 1/2" drill bit. Put drill chuck in the tail stock and drill a 1/2" hole as deep as the glass test tube is long. About 5" normally. I like to leave about 1/8" of the tube sticking out of the hole when finished.**



**4. Using a sanding stick, sand the inside of the drilled hole until the test tube slides in easily. If you have a 9/16" drill bit, then the sanding stick will not be required. But always check to make sure the glass test tube will easily go into the drilled hole with no pressure.**



**5. Measure the depth of the hole and determine where the bottom of the bud vase will be. Use a parting tool to make a 1/2" deep cut to show you where the bottom will be when shaping the bud vase.**



**6. Turn, shape and sand the outside of the bud vase. Explore and try different shapes.**

**7. Add any details, texture or color, if you like. Such as beads, burn lines, wire brush, milk paint, pyrography, etc.**

**8. Part off the vase. Sand the bottom flat or reverse turn the bottom on a jamb chuck.**





**9. Sign and date. Apply your favorite finish. Suggest using a spray or wipe-on polyurethane for resistance to water stains.**

**10. Cut a flower from the garden, add a little water and give it to someone special in your life or a friend. They will love it.**

**If you have questions, contact me at [jniedling@yahoo.com](mailto:jniedling@yahoo.com).**

**Jake Niedling**