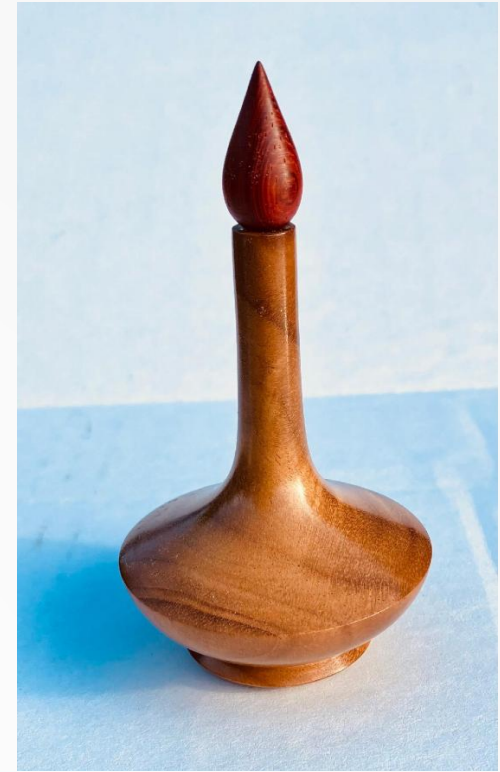




Ring Holder

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Let's Get Started – Ring Holder & Bowl

- The project is made with 2 separate turnings glued together. The bottom bowl base and a finial. I like to choose contrasting woods to make this item.



Turn the Base

- **Mount the 3" x 3" wood blank between centers. Make it round and add a tenon on one end for your scroll chuck.**
- **Mount the block into the chuck. Sketch out your design onto the wood blank for general**



Turn the Base - Inside

- **Start turning inside of the base. Shaping the stem and the bowl. Prefer using a 3/8" spindle gouge or bowl gouge. Sand to 320 grit before turning the outside.**



Top of Stem

The top of the stem needs to be dished and drilled. Use a 3/8" spindle gouge to form a shallow dish in the top of the stem. Drill a 3/16" hole about 3/8" deep. Sand the top dish to 320 grit



Turn Base - Outside

- **Mark the location of the bottom of the base. About $7/8$ " from the rim.**
- **Turn a smooth curve using a $3/8$ " spindle gouge.**



Turn Base - Outside

- Sand the Base up to 320 grit. Start at 180 grit to remove any blemishes or tool marks. Recut if you find tearout.
- Use a sharp 1/8" parting tool and cut off the base.



Turn Base - Bottom

- **The bottom could be flat sanded on a sanding disk, but I prefer and encourage you to turn a concave bottom.**
- **Use a scrap block and make a jam chuck to match up with the inside of the base.**



Turn Base - Bottom

- **Mount the base into the jamb chuck and bring up the tailstock to hold it. Use a paper towel between the jamb chuck and the base to avoid any damage. I like to use a small flat insert in my Oneway Live center . The inserts are made by Cindy Drozda.**



Turn Base – Shape and Sand

- **Turn a concave shape into the bottom up to the live center. Remove and power sand the remaining nub and bottom to 320 grit.**



Turn Base – Shape and Sand

Preferred Option: Tape the ring holder to the jamb block. Use the tailstock for as long as possible. Use your spindle gouge to turn the bottom completely and then sand to 320 grit.



Turn the Finial

- I like a flame shape finial. The diameter should be around $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " spindle gouge shape the top half of the flame and then shape the bottom half. Sand the finial to 320 grit. Turn a $\frac{3}{16}$ " diameter tenon to fit the drilled hole in the base using a parting tool and measure using calipers.



Ring Holder – Assembly & Finish

- **Glue the two parts together. I prefer any wood glue or two part epoxy**
- **Sign the bottom .**
- **Apply the finish of your choice. I prefer several coats of wipe-on Poly.**



Design Options



Points to Remember

Sharp Tools

Clean bevel supported cuts

No torn grain

Finish the bottoms

Good form/shape

Have fun, make a bunch and give them away to family & friends

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