

Weed Pot Turning Instructions

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1. Start with a blank about 2 ½” to 3” square and 5” to 7” long. Mark center point on each end and indent with punch or awl.

2. Mount on lathe using a spur drive and the tailstock. I’m lazy and I put the spur drive in my 4-jaw chuck.

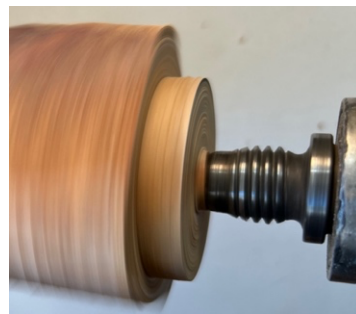


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Turn off the corners with a roughing or bowl gouge. Then, face off the tailstock end and mark your 4-jaw chuck opening size with a pencil.

4. Turn a tenon.



5. Remove and place tenon in 4-jaw chuck. Turn to a true cylinder. (On this piece, I turned the weed pot base down to see if I could eliminate a defect).



6. Mount a Jacobs chuck in the tail stock. Use a ¼” drill bit and drill 2”-3” deep with the lathe at a slow speed. If a tail stock Jacobs chuck is not available, use a handheld electric drill(off) or a handheld device of any kind, such as vice-grip pliers.

7. Bring the tail stock up with a cone for support. Turn to desired weed pot shape and sand.



9. Remove the tailstock cone. Turn the lip topside and sand.



10. Bring up the tail stock with cone for support.



11. Last chance to do any final turning or sanding. With parting tool, the thinner the better, part of the weed pot on a slight inward angle. Part down to about 3/8". Remove tailstock and finish parting while supporting the weed pot by one hand. Carve away any nub and sand.



12. Put a finish of your choice on your weed pot.