

Practice Turning Techniques with Home Center Lumber

This demonstration shows how low-cost construction grade 2x2, 2x3 and 2x4's from the home center can be used for turning practice. The difficult wood tears out easily but when the tool use is correct, clean cuts are the result. In this fun demonstration I review basic cuts, beginning with some skew chisel work and turning simple tops. I then turn a square bowl and a rectangular one. The demo finishes with an elegant candlestick, from a single piece of 2x4.

Projects:

Skew work with 2x2

1. Peeling cuts
2. Planing cuts
3. Vee-cuts
4. Beads
5. Shallow Cove

Two tops from 2x2

Rectangle bowl from 2x3

Square bowl from 2x4

Candlestick from 2x4

- Base, 2x4 - cut square
- Spindle, 2x2 - 8" long
- jam chuck, 2x2 - 3" long

