



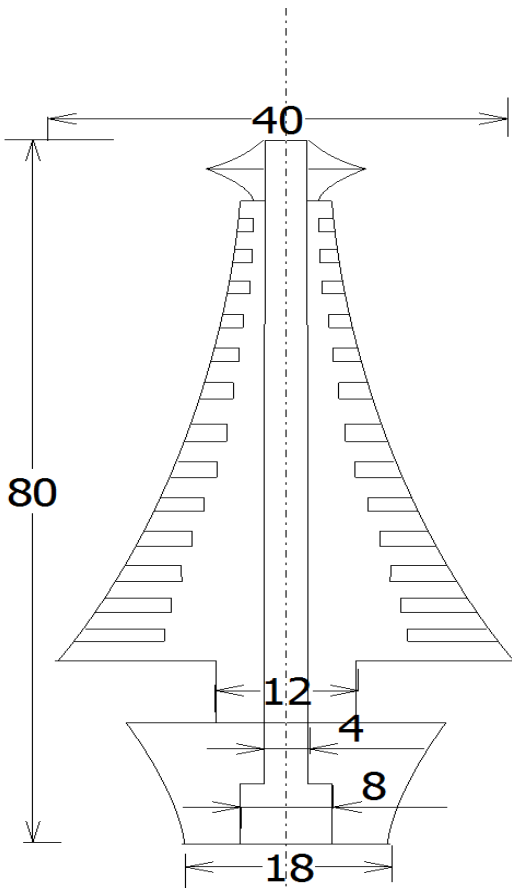
A Christmas Ornament

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This project is designed to get us all in the mood for Christmas, and to tweak our tool control just a little.

Tools required: *Spindle roughing gauge (SRG) or bowl gauge, thin parting gauge, 3/8" spindle gauge and a drill . Suggested wood: any timber , blank size 85mmx45mm.*



Stage 1: Pre drill the blank and mount between centres.
Tip: I used a live centre in the headstock to drive the piece (a light pull drive would work well)

Stage 2: Make the blank round using the SRG or bowl gauge. Then mark out your measurements for the various parts of the tree, pot trunk, branches and top.

Stage 3: Now form the curve of the tree foliage area with the spindle gauge, noting to leave a small area at the top to shape into a star.

Stage 4: Using a parting tool reduce the area defined as the trunk.
Then using a spindle gauge shape the pot or bucket the tree stands in.
Tip: be careful not to reduce this diameter too close to your drilled hole.

Stage 5: Using your thinnest parting tool, make evenly spaced cuts to form the illusion of branches, being careful to keep the tool at right angles to your work and upright.

Stage 6: Prior to finishing, try cutting the top into a star or for the so inclined amongst you, a fairy!
Finish to your choice and put a thread through for hanging off the real thing.

