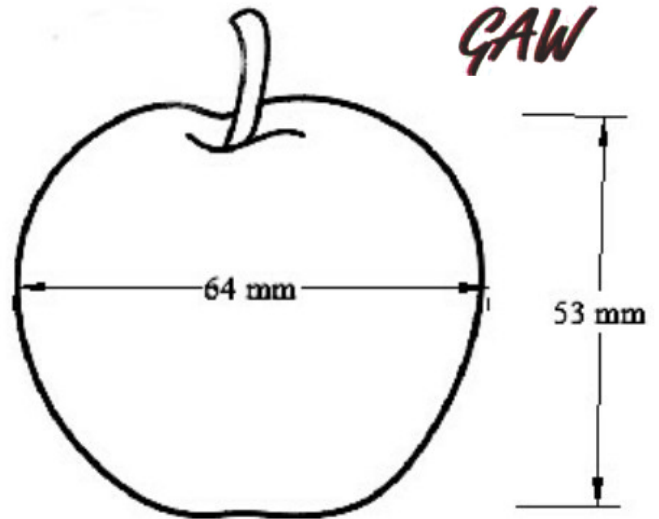


Novice Turner Project

Apple project



Apple

1. A block of wood 70mm x 70mm x 60mm is ideal. The prettier the better. If you have a bandsaw cut the corners off.
2. Find centre and drill 3mm hole just short of the depth of the screw in your chuck, in one side.
3. Mount on wooden chuck, and bring up tailstock. This is a good time to check that your headstock and tailstock are properly aligned.
4. Turn to round.
5. Mark maximum diameter 20mm in from chuck end with pencil line. (Notice this obeys the 1/3rd rule.)
6. With spindle gouge turn top of apple almost to 25mm chuck try to retain the pencil line.
7. Turn bottom half of apple down to tail centre, trying to maintain apple shape in a continuous curve.
8. Remove tailstock and drill 3mm hole.
9. Using spindle gouge shape the end of the apple from centre outwards. You need this to take a clove (for the calyx).
10. Slow the lathe speed and abrade from about 120 400 grit.
11. Reverse the apple and carefully finish top to take stalk and abrade
12. Before adding a clove at the base and a twig from the garden for the stalk I use sanding sealer and polishing mops to get a tactile finish.

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